# US foils al-Qaida plot to detonate 'dirty bomb'

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## Pangilinan defies First Pacific owners

**By Abigail L. Ho and Doris C. Dumlao**

EMBATTLED CEO Manuel Pangilinan yesterday formally cut his ties with Hong Kong's First Pacific Co. Ltd. after it decided to sell its telephone and property interests here to taipan John Gokongwei Jr.

Pangilinan voted in a stockholders

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## Gracia finally back home in Kansas

ROSE HILL, Kansas—Trees donned yellow ribbons and American flags lined the drive to the house. Well-wishers carried signs that said "We didn't forget" and "Martin and Gracia—heroes of faith."

American missionary Gracia Burnham returned Monday to an enthusiastic homecoming, bitter at Abu Sayyaf bandits who held her and her husband.until she was freed last week in a firefight between

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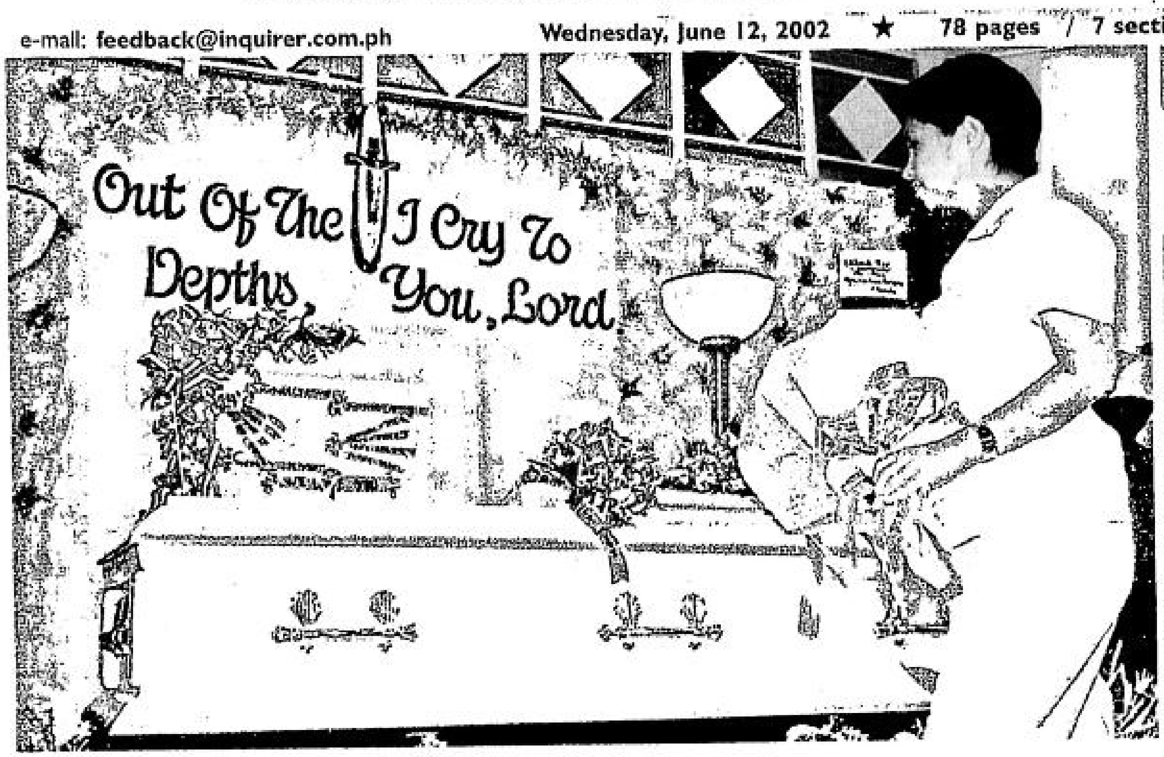

**SAD IN BASILAN**
President Macapagal places a wreath on the coffin of Ediborah Yap in Lamitan, Basilan. The town residents are demanding justice for the slain nurse.
VAL HANDUMON

**HAPPY IN KANSAS**
Gracia Burnham receives a resounding welcome at the Kansas City International Airport. She is surrounded by her children: Mindy, Zack and Jeff.
AP

# Sabaya aide captured

## Dogs of war sent to track down Abus

ZAMBOANGA CITY—A bloodhound helped Scout Rangers track down Abu Sayyaf bandits and their captives, American couple Martin and Gracia Burnham and Filipino nurse Ediborah Yap, in Sirawai, Zamboanga del Norte.

Dolly, an affectionate black and brown 3-year-old with hanging jowls and floppy ears, came closest to Abu Sayyaf bandits last week.

In her three days in the jungle, Dolly led soldiers to two areas where the Abu Sayyaf and their hostages had paused to rest, said her handler Sgt. Gil Samontanes.

"She was a big help. She tracked where they went, where they paused," the sergeant recalled as he patted the dog.

Elite Scout Rangers found the Abu Sayyaf on Friday, after a 376-day manhunt.

Hostages Martin Burnham and Ediborah Yap were slain in the ensuing firefight, but Gracia Burnham was rescued and has since returned to the United States.

Most of the captors escaped into the jungle and are still being pursued by the military.

Samontanes said Dolly was strictly a tracker. "When the enemy is close, she will become aggressive, pull on her leash."

Dolly and other bloodhounds don't bark to betray their presence to the enemy, the sergeant said.

DOGS/A20

## Townsfolk give GMA icy welcome

LAMITAN, Basilan—President Macapagal-Arroyo was given the cold shoulder yesterday by grieving town residents who blamed her administration for the yearlong hostage crisis that ended with the deaths of a local nurse, Ediborah Pamaran Yap, and American missionary Martin Burnham.

"Madame President, we want justice for Debbie's death," a streamer greeted the President as she arrived at the St. Peter's Church compound where Yap's remains, enclosed in a white casket, served as a rallying cry for justice for atrocities committed by the Abu Sayyaf bandits.

The President was respect-

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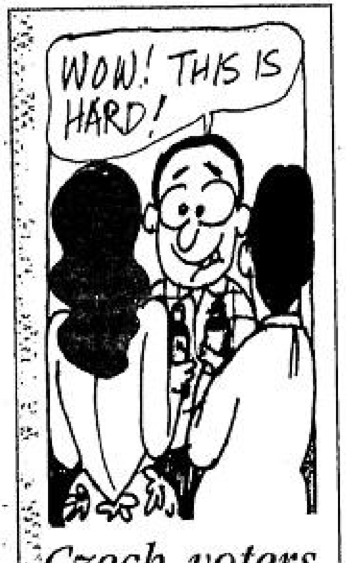
WOW! THIS IS HARD!

## *Czech voters face some hard choices*

PRAGUE—Czech voters face some hard election choices—should they support the party offering free alcohol or the one using topless women in its campaign?

With the Christian Democrats handing out free shots of plum brandy in the Moravian town of Valasske Mezirici during a weekend election rally, the Communist Party had to quickly change its strategy for a meeting in the same town square.

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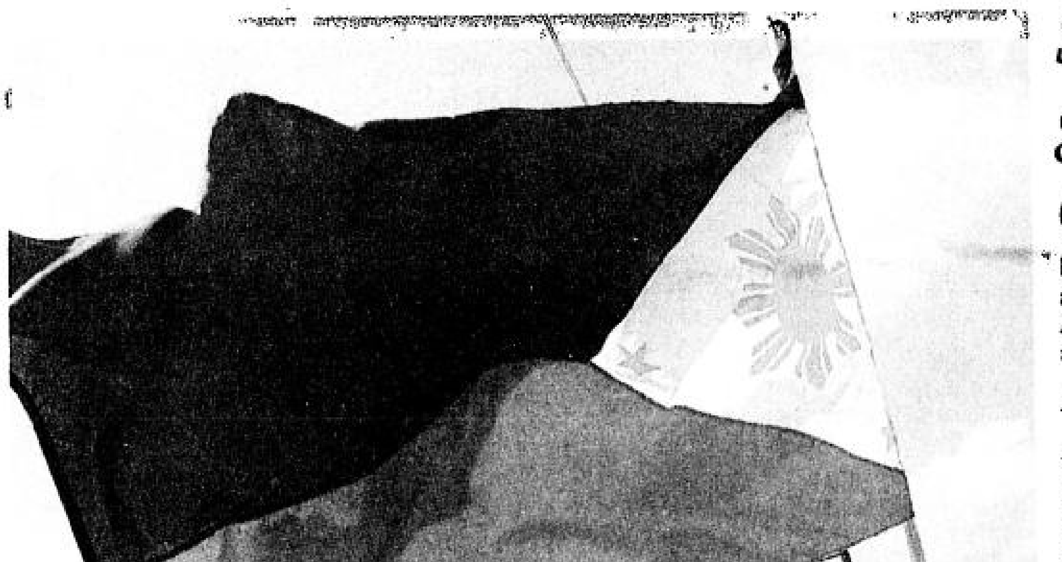

**THE PHILIPPINE** flag flies proudly in the breeze as the country celebrates its 104th Independence Day today.
ERIK ARAZAS

## GMA to raise flag in Basilan

**By Dona Pazzibugan**

IN A gesture full of symbolism, the President will lead Independence Day rites today not from Rizal Park in Manila, the traditional flag-raising site, but from Lamitan town in Basilan.

President Macapagal-Arroyo spent the night in Lamitan to view the remains of slain hostage Ediborah Yap. She will raise the flag at 7 this morning, in familiar rites that will be repeated simultaneously in all the country's historic sites, but in very different circumstances from a year ago.

Last year, in a grisly reminder of the new hostage crisis that the country had been plunged into, the Abu Sayyaf bandit group executed American hostage Guillermo Sobero as an "Independence Day gift" to Ms Macapagal. Sobero—whose body was found weeks later—was one of 20 hostages the Abu Sayyaf abducted from the Dos Palmas Resort on May 27. Yap was a nurse on duty at the Lamitan hospital during the infamous siege on June 2.

Acting Press Secretary Silvestre Afable Jr. downplayed

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## *Sirawai group now down to 9*

**By Julie S. Alipala and Lullie A. Micabalo**
*PDI Mindanao Bureau*
**and TJ Burgonio**

**AND now there are only nine.**

**The number of Abu Sayyaf bandits, who guarded Martin and Gracia Burnham and Ediborah Yap in Sirawai, Zamboanga del Norte, has dropped to less than 10 following the capture of an alleged bodyguard of Abu Sabaya, Abu Sayyaf's spokesperson.**

Basir Ordoñez was captured in Barangay Culasian, a half kilometer from the site of Friday's encounter that resulted in the deaths of hostages Martin Burnham and Ediborah Yap, police announced yesterday.

Senior Supt. Leonardo Espina, national police spokesperson, said elements of the 6th Scout Rangers Company arrested Ordoñez yesterday morning.

No firearm was recovered from Ordoñez, according to Espina.

Marcelino Lipana, Zamboanga del Norte provincial director, told reporters in Dipolog City that the wounded Ordoñez was limping when soldiers caught up with him.

"He is now under treatment," Lipana said.

The military had earlier announced that four bandits were killed in the firefight between Sabaya's group and the Scout Rangers.

Gracia Burnham told US officials after her rescue that there were only 14 Abu Sayyaf members who guarded her, her husband Martin and Yap in the jungles of Sirawai town.

SABAYA/A20

# Lack of transparency hounds agrarian reform

**DANTE'S PURGATORY**

*An* **I-TEAM** *Report*

**By Tonette Orejas and Russell Arador**
*PDI Central Luzon Desk*

*(Last of three parts)*

TARLAC CITY—Bernabe Buscayno—more popularly known as Kumander Dante—founded the People's Livelihood Foundation Inc. (PLFI) and the Tarlac Integrated Livelihood Cooperative (Tilco) after his release from prison in 1986. Hailed across the country and internationally as a showcase for countryside development, the two organizations symbolized a newly restored democracy's readiness to make good on social reform.

Today, the PLFI and Tilco are non-existent. At the Securities and Exchange Commission, there are no documents indicating continued operation by the PLFI. The Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) has delisted Tilco, the cooperative not having submitted financial reports after 1993. Neither organization was mentioned in a December 2001 report of the Department of Agrarian Reform praising Buscayno's mechanized farming project.

Former Sen. Wigberto Tañada, one of PLFI's incorporators, cannot make out what happened to the foundation. "There were just two or three meetings. That was all there was to it," he told the INQUIRER.

The other incorporators were

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# Benipayo looks headed for SC

**By Dona Pazzibugan, Michael Ubac and Christine Avendaño**

**TWO administration officials strongly hinted yesterday former Commission on Elections chair Alfredo Benipayo could end up on the Supreme Court, after President Macapagal-Arroyo did not renew his appointment to the poll body which saw his short-lived tenure constantly embroiled in controversy.**

Two administration officials strongly hinted yesterday Benipayo could end up an associate justice on the high tribunal, which has two vacancies on its bench.

Presidential Adviser on Political Affairs Joey Rufino, when asked what would become of Benipayo, said, "It's a natural that you go back to where your strong suit is. But I'm just thinking out loud."

But, Rufino said, Benipayo was qualified to sit on the high court.

"He gave up a lot when he was tapped (to head the Comelec). He had the rank of presiding associate justice. He's qualified (to be an SC justice)," Rufino said.

Justice Secretary Hernando Perez said Benipayo could opt to seek a Supreme Court seat, "if he so desired."

### SC administrator

Benipayo was Supreme Court administrator for four years, from Oct. 30, 1996 when he was appointed by then President Fidel Ramos, to Feb. 16, 2001, when President Macapagal appointed him to head the Comelec.

His appointment was repeatedly bypassed by the Commission on Appointments, however, and his tenure was marked by political infighting between Ms Macapagal's appointees to the poll agency and those of her predecessor, deposed President Joseph Estrada.

Because the bickering was greatly hampering Comelec operations, the President did not renew Benipayo's appointment on June 5 but named Metro Manila Development Authority chair Benjamin Abalos to replace him.

Perez announced yesterday the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) will soon be accepting applications and nominations for the two vacant seats on the Supreme Court.

### Short list

Perez serves as the ex-officio officer of the JBC, which recommends candidates to the President for vacancies in the judiciary from the post of state prosecutor to Supreme Court justice.

The JBC is headed by its chair, Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. It furnishes the President with a short list of applicants from which she normally chooses her nominee.

The INQUIRER reported yesterday that Malacañang was eyeing a Supreme Court seat for Benipayo, but Perez declined to comment on this.

"The nomination will be open by June 30," he said, but "so far, Benipayo has not filed an application."

The vacancies in the high court stemmed from the retirement of Associate Justices Jose A. R. Melo and Sabino de Leon on May 30 and June 9, respectively.

Acting Press Secretary Silvestre Afable said the President did not re-appoint Benipayo because he "asked not to be re-appointed" anymore.

The President, however, re-appointed Commissioners Resurreccion Borra and Florentino Tuason, Benipayo's only allies in the seven-seat Comelec en banc commission.

# Bunye, Bayani vie for MMDA post

**By Alcuin Papa**

AND THEN there were two.

The race for Benjamin Abalos' old seat at the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) has reportedly narrowed to two candidates.

Former Muntinlupa representative Ignacio Bunye and former Marikina mayor Bayani Fernando appear to be the strongest candidates for MMDA chair vice Abalos who was appointed Commission on Elections chair by President Macapagal-Arroyo on June 5.

Incumbent Caloocan City Mayor Rey Malonzo was also mentioned as a candidate but he declined to consider the position.

Abalos said he would prefer his replacement to be a "non-sitting" official. Bunye had served as MMDA chair from 1991 to 1993, while Fernando was Marikina City mayor for three terms ending last year.

For his part, Abalos said he met with Metro Manila mayors over lunch yesterday to consult them on the next MMDA chair.

"The mayors were hesitant to recommend my replacement—they would rather leave it to the President and I support this," Abalos said.

And like most political appointees, Abalos can expect to come in for his share of bashing after his appointment was announced.

Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. said yesterday Abalos, former mayor of Mandaluyong City, would have to explain his role in the abduction and death of a political rival's supporter in Mandaluyong in 1995.

Pimentel said Abalos should "volunteer information on the case," in which kidnapping and murder charges were filed before the Ombudsman against Abalos and five others for the abduction and killing of Raymond Anot, who had heckled Abalos during a campaign rally on April 20, 1995.

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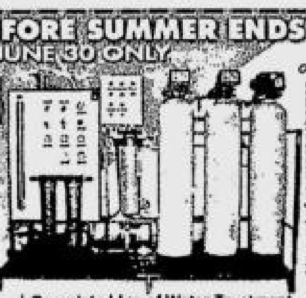

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ANTI-PPA PETITION

# Enrile, alliance sue Meralco

**By Ronnel W. Domingo**

AN ALLIANCE of 40 consumer groups and individuals yesterday filed a petition with the Pasig Regional Trial Court seeking a temporary restraining order on the collection of purchased power adjustment fees.

The petition, spearheaded by former Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, names as respondent the National Power Corp. and its biggest customer, Manila Electric Co.

The petition also seeks to stop Meralco from disconnecting from their circuits those customers who would not pay for the PPA and for the repeal of the power reform law.

Co-petitioner Alain Del B. Pascua, national chair of the Katipunan ng mga Anak ng Bayan-All Filipino Democratic Movement (Kaakbay), said in a phone interview the case had been assigned through a raffle to Judge Alfredo Flores of Branch 167.

The first hearing will be held tomorrow, Pascua told the INQUIRER.

The petition comes in the wake of the Supreme Court's dismissal of a similar petition seeking to stop Meralco from collecting the PPA.

"That is a different matter," Enrile said in an interview on Monday. "Let us wait and see what the (Pasig RTC) would do about our petition."

In a May 28 decision, the Supreme Court dismissed the petition of lawyer Mar Torres Reyes for "failure to exhaust administrative remedies."

The high court said Reyes should have first sought relief before administrative bodies like the Energy Regulatory Commission.

"But this is not about rates, this is about basic rights," Enrile said.

In the 23-page petition where Enrile is identified as president of the Philippine Consumers Watch Foundation, he invoked the functions of the Bill of Rights as a "deterrent to any display of arbitrariness on the part of the government" or any of its agencies.

Enrile said that the Electric Power Industry Reform Act institutionalized the PPA, which Napocor and Meralco arbitrarily passed on to consumers.

Kaakbay's Pascua said their alliance would also start a campaign to collect at least a million signatures in support of the petition.

"This is not merely a signature campaign," he said. "These supporters would be signing a motion of intervention, which would name them as co-petitioners."

# Mike denies meddling in Lacson case

**By Carlito Pablo**

FIRST Gentleman Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo yesterday denied he was meddling in the ongoing legal process to determine the possible reopening of the Kuratong Baleleng case against Sen. Panfilo Lacson.

In a statement, Arroyo said there was a strong case against Lacson and that, as a lawyer, he saw no need for anyone to interfere. He said the senator had countered the "overwhelming pieces of evidence" with "nothing more than empty rhetoric."

Lacson earlier accused Arroyo of meddling, saying, "This is turning out to be a conjugal hostility against me."

He said President Macapagal might have been prompted to field all her "best players," including the First Gentleman, after the Supreme Court remanded the Kuratong Baleleng case to the lower court.

Lacson was reacting to reports of a phone conversation between Arroyo and lawyer Godwyn Valdez, a prosecutor in the case. He said the phone call was arranged by Chief Supt. Reynaldo Berroya of the Central Luzon Police.

Before the conversation, Lacson said, Berroya had invited Valdez to a "regular gathering" of witnesses in the case. Also present in that meeting, he said, were Mary "Rosebud" Ong, and retired police general Roberto Lastimoso, now Land Transportation Office chief. *With Cynthia Balana*

# DOJ gets power to probe Ping

OMBUDSMAN Aniano Desierto yesterday gave the justice department full authority to investigate opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson in connection with his alleged money-laundering activities.

This will speed up the probe into Lacson's alleged dollar accounts in the United States as the Ombudsman's Office would no longer need to conduct its own investigation.

"If the DOJ investigation is sufficient to warrant the filing of the charges, then the Office of the Ombudsman will adopt the DOJ's findings and initiate criminal proceedings with the Sandiganbayan," said Desierto.

The Ombudsman's Office is usually the one that conducts the preliminary investigation and other proceedings when it comes to cases filed before it.

But Desierto said he would still need to approve or disapprove the DOJ findings "because the Ombudsman's Office is the one tasked by law to file exclusively any criminal information in the Sandi-ganbayan."

Justice Secretary Hernando Perez said his department would be willing to investigate Lacson and even help in prosecuting him before the anti-graft court. *Michael Lim Ubac*

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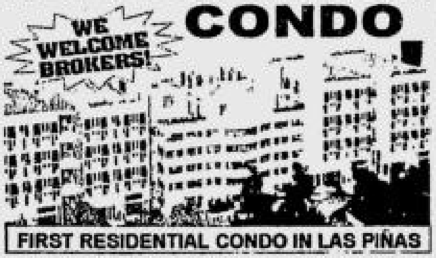

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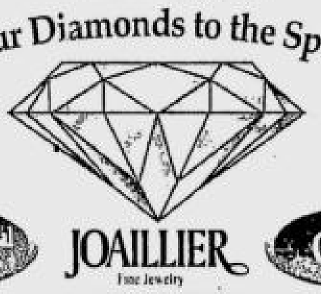

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# Cops launch hunt for suspects in Korean's slay

**By TJ Burgonio**

"WE know who he is."

Director Nestorio Gualberto, head of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) yesterday said as he announced a massive manhunt for the man who used the alias "Robert Sambili" in last week's abduction and killing of South Korean diplomat Chung Young-ho.

"This is definitely the handiwork of the Ativan Gang," Gualberto said. "The motive is simply holdup-robbery." Only this time, he added, the victim was killed.

Sambili is the leader of the gang, the CIDG chief said, but declined to disclose the suspect's real identity, or release an artist's sketch.

Korean officials yesterday demanded immediate resolution of the case. Chung was embassy third secretary, and the first Korean diplomat to be killed in the Philippines.

In Seoul, South Korean Foreign Minister Choi Sung-hong called on Philippine Ambassador Juanito Jarasa, urging Philippine authorities to "clarify the exact cause of the death."

The CIDG said they were being helped in the investigation by three guest relations officers at the Paradise Videoke Bar in San Isidro, Taytay, where Chung, another Korean friend, and Sambili had a round of drinks on the night June 6 before Chung's disappearance.

Chung, 47, who resided at Unit 2404 of Ritz Tower on Ayala Avenue in Makati, was found dead in Marikina City on June 7. All his valuables were gone.

Autopsy results showed that he died of suffocation. In her report, Dr. Maria Christina Freyra of the Eastern Police District said that Chung had thrown up, possibly while unconscious, and that digested food clogged his esophagus, airway and nostrils. Freyra said she still had to determine the presence of lorazepam, the active ingredient in the drug Ativan.

Meanwhile, the Ativan Gang victimized another foreigner last Sunday. Japanese engineer Shuhei Uchida told police that a "decent-looking" man had asked for help in translating some letters. In the suspect's car, he said he was offered canned juice. He was later found unconscious near the San Juan Medical Center, stripped of valuables. ***With Norman Bordadora, Alcuin Papa, Kelly Gelvezon, Analiza Malvar, and a report from AFP***

## THE DAILY GOSPEL

**Wednesday, June 12, 2002**
**10th Week in Ordinary Time**

**1st Reading:** **1 K 18:20-39**
**Gospel:** **Mt 5:17-19**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not think that I have come to remove the Law and the Prophets. I have not come to remove but to fulfill them. I tell you this: as long as heaven and earth last, not the smallest letter or stroke of the Law will change until all is fulfilled.

So then, whoever breaks the least important of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be the least in the kingdom of heaven. On the other hand, whoever obeys them and teaches others to do the same will be great in the kingdom of heaven."

**Commentary**

"No to ChaCha" (Constitutional Charter Change) has been the battle cry in the Philippines whenever some politicians wanted to accommodate the Constitution to their interests. Scribes and Pharisees were trying to provide the Law more strict interpretations. Most of the people (here we are) would like to make it a bit easier, not so demanding. Leave the Law as it is, Jesus would say. It is a good guide for life, though it is not the life. Everything is to be fulfilled. Observing the laws of the Bible is not an end in itself. They are an expression of real love and are its guidelines. In observing them we become receptive to the Spirit who will lead us far. We will discover a "righteousness" far superior to the canonists of those times, the teachers of the Law. ***Claretian Publications Inc., 8 Mayumi St., UP Village, Diliman, Quezon City, UP P.O. Box 4, Diliman, 1101 Quezon City; Tel.: 921-3984; Fax: 921-7429; E-mail: claret@cn1.net; Websites: http://www.bible.claret.org (Claretian Publications Inc.) & http://missionaries.claret.org (Claretians in the Philippines)***

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**REMEDIAL LAW (EVIDENCE)—Birth certificate as evidence of filiation**—A birth certificate is a formidable piece of evidence prescribed by both the Civil Code and Article 172 of the Family Code for purposes of recognition and filiation. However, birth certificate offers only *prima facie* evidence of filiation and may be refuted by contrary evidence. Its evidentiary worth cannot be sustained where there exists strong, complete and conclusive proof of its falsity or nullity. In this case, respondent's Certificate of Live Birth entered in the records of the Local Civil Registry has all the badges of nullity. Without doubt, the authentic copy on file in that office was removed and substituted with a falsified Certificate of Live Birth. At this point, it bears stressing the provision of Section 23, Rule 132 of the Revised Rules of Court that "documents consisting of entries in public records made in the performance of a duty by a public officer are *prima facie* evidence of the facts therein stated." In this case, the glaring discrepancies between the two Certificates of Live Birth have overturned the genuineness of the Certificate of Live Birth entered in the Local Civil Registry. What is authentic is the Certificate of Live Birth recorded in the Civil Registry General. [Citations omitted.] [Justice Sandoval-Gutierrez, In the matter of the Intestate estate of the late Juan Locsin, Jr., Solinap V. Locsin, Jr., G.R. No. 146737, December 10, 2001]

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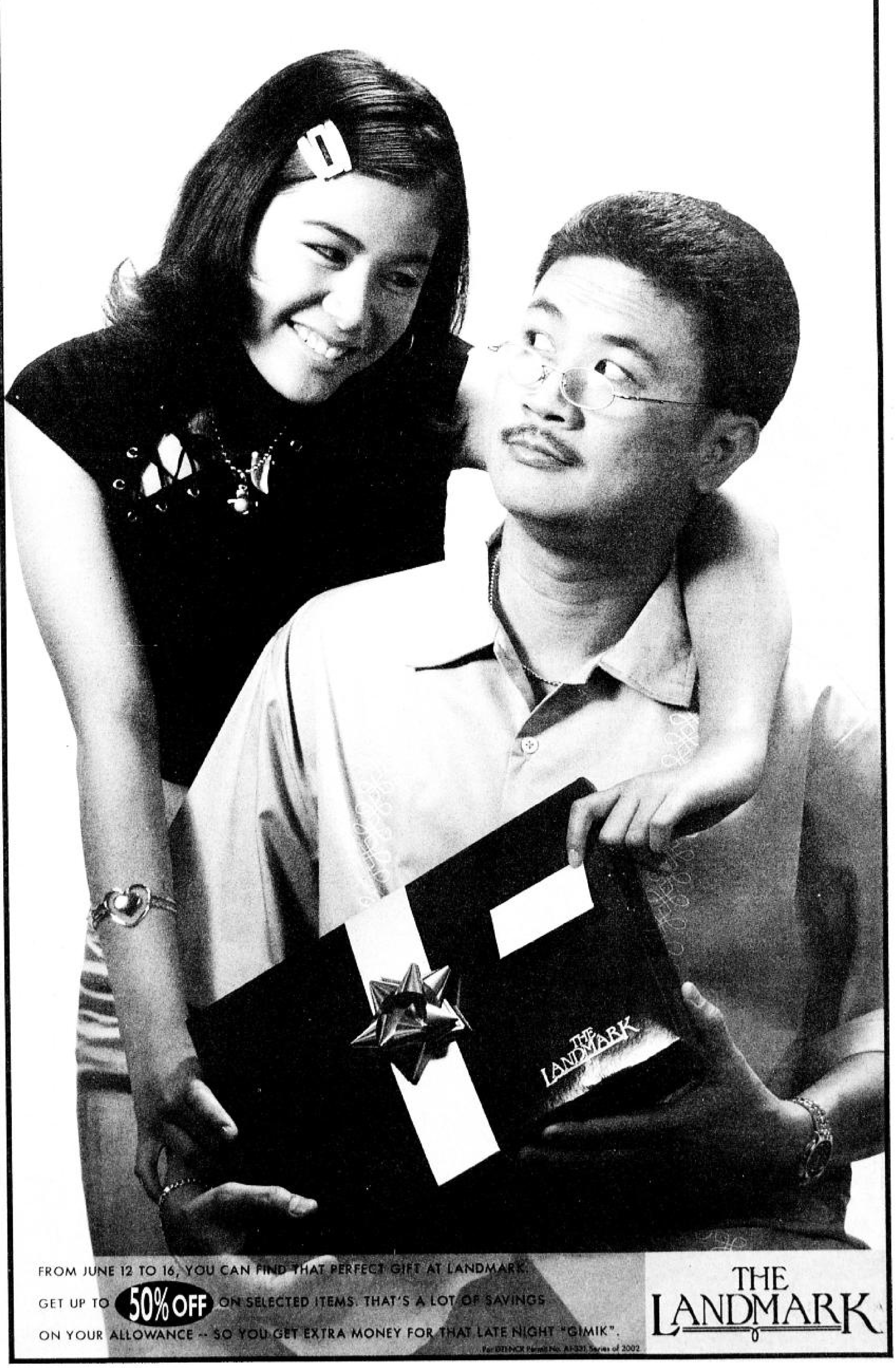

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## *Special Report* *Ipagdiwang ang* KALAYAAN 2002: "Bayan Ko, Sagot Ko!"

# President Arroyo leads today's celebration

*THE nation marks today, June 12, 2002, the 104th anniversary of Philippine Independence with appropriate ceremonies nationwide and in Philippine consulates and embassies abroad. President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, who leads the celebration, flies this morning to the Aguinaldo Shrine in Kawit, Cavite, for the flag-raising and wreath-laying ceremonies, which will be repeated in five other historical places and in towns and cities throughout the country. Later in the afternoon, at the Quirino Grandstand at the Rizal Park in Manila, the President will give her Independence Day message to the Filipino people. It will underscore the theme of this year's celebration: "Bayan Ko, Sagot Ko!" and the need for national unity and solidarity to shore up and hasten the country's economic recovery.*

Tourism Secretary Richard J. Gordon had been designated by the President, through Administrative Order 33, "to take the lead in the planning and implementation of activities and programs" in celebration of the 104th Philippine Independence Day. Secretary Gordon, together with a technical working group, adopted the theme, "Bayan Ko, Sagot Ko!" more as a commitment than a message to the Filipino people to do their share for the realization of our country's aspirations and ideals.

Meanwhile, **Secretary Gordon** announced during the final meeting of the June 12 Independence Day Committee that out of the 43 floats and 17 marching bands participating in Kalayaan Parade will be selected the Best Float and Best Marching Band.

**President Arroyo** will award the prizes to the participating departments and private sectors for the winning floats and marching bands.

The celebration of the 104th Philippine Independence reeled off last June 7 with the concert of best-loved Philippine rondalla music at the Paco Park in Paco, Manila.

**Exhibits and fairs** organized by the National Park and Development Corporation lend a fiesta air to the celebration from June 9-12. There will be a sculptural exhibit at the back of the National Library; the DOE's **Energy Exhibit**, "Enerhiya Para sa Bayan," and the DOST's **Science and Technology Exhibit**, "Agham at Teknolohiya 2002" and the AFP's **Military Hardware** display–"Puso at Bisig ng Sandatahang Lakas."

At the Central Lagoon of the Rizal Park, several fairs will be put up by different participating government offices showcasing in concrete sectoral projects this year's theme "Bayan Ko, Sagot Ko" such as the DOLE's **Livelihood and Job's Fair** dubbed "Hanap-Unlad, Hanap Buhay"; **Tiangge sa Luneta sa MMDA** sponsored **Trade Fair** and the **Balik Tanaw sa Kasaysayan Booksale;** from June 11-12 and sponsored by NHI and the **DA's Agricultural Agriculture Fair, Yamang-Dagat, Yamang Lupa.**

The DILG will hold its own **People's Day** (Kalinga sa Mamamayan) at the DILG Office in Diliman, EDSA from June 7 to 12, 2002.

Yesterday, June 11 dubbed as **Bisperas ng Kalayaan,** a kick-off program at 8:00 AM was held in front of the Luneta flagpole. This event was a parade of Chinese Firefighter Volunteers visiting historical sites in Metro Manila to announce the June 12 Program and invite the people to watch and take part in the celebration at the Quirino Grandstand thru the wailing of sirens and fog horns.

Later in the evening at 7:00 PM, a **tableau** was presented to serve as a prologue to a parade which will depict the lives and greatness of our national heroes.

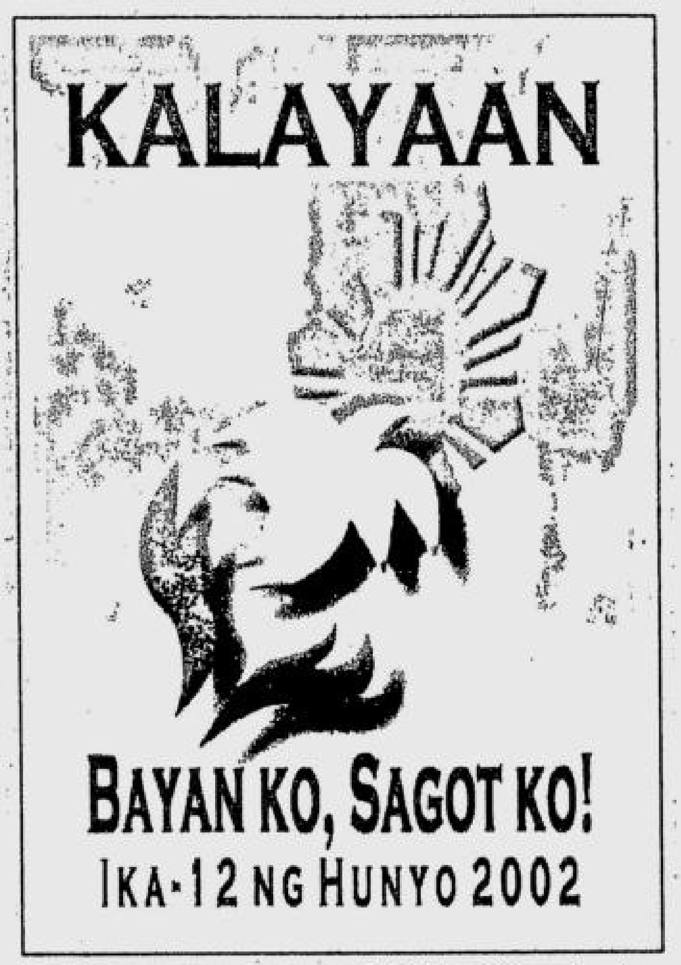
On the day of the celebration **"Araw ng Kalayaan"** will start with the traditional simultaneous flag-raising and wreath-laying ceremonies. It will be followed by the traditional Vin D' Honneur with the Diplomatic Corps and the President's cabinet and other key officials held in Malacanang.

The afternoon will be highlighted with the colorful Philippine Independence Day Parade featuring about 43 floats, 17 marching bands and an estimated 8,000 walking contingents floats depicting the parade's theme of "Malayang Pilipinas, Maganda at Maunlad na Bukas." This choreographed and dramatized parade is a preview of next year's Visit Phil. Year.

This year's 2-hour program shall be capped by the speech of **President Arroyo.**

As a finale to the 104th celebration, there will be spectacular fireworks display at the Quirino Grandstand and the cultural-musical by GMA-7.

*–Betty Lou Peñera, PIA*



## Messages

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*Binabati ko ang buong sambayanang Pilipino gayundin ang ating World Class Filipino Workers sa iba't-ibang panig ng daigdig sa pagdiriwang ng ating ika-104 taon ng Araw ng Kasarinlan.*

*Kalakip nito ang ating taimtim na dalangin na simulan nating lahat ang lubusang pagkakaisa at pagpupunyaging kailangan upang ating makamtan ang mga biyaya ng kasarinlan at ang kaligayahan, kasagaan ng bawa't Pilipinong may katutubong pagmamahal sa kaligayahan at kapayapaan.*

*Today, we are called upon to stay united and to flesh out our independence which our country's President General Emilio Aguinaldo, proclaimed in Kawit, Cavite on June 12, 1898, and established the first democratic republic in Asia and Africa.*

*By remembering that day in history, we hope to remind our people of how hard a struggle our forebears had fought, of how much blood had been shed, to win our country's place in the community of nations.*

*Today, 104 years after, we are called upon to flesh out democracy in terms of alleviating mass poverty; eradicating graft and corruption; putting up a common front against international terrorism; setting high moral standards in governance; and, providing peace, justice, dignity and sense of the community which is none other than national unity.*

*Today, the Philippines is at the threshold of profound social, economic, political and cultural changes as we enter the brave world of the coming century and beyond. It is only by forging anew our unity as one country and one people, and strengthening our freedom on the basis of sustainable development and far-reaching reforms, change and renewal – enhancing our profound love of God and our pride in the Filipino race – can we attain our individual and collective goals, and seek our rightful place in the international community of nations.*

*Mabuhay ang sambayanang Pilipino!*
*Mabuhay ang Republika ng Pilipinas!*

GMArroyo
GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO

*Ipinaaabot ko po sa lahat ng aking mga kababayang Pilipino ang aking taus-puso at maluwalhating pagbati sa pagdiriwang ng ika-104 na taon ng Kasarinlan ng ating bayan ngayong Hunyo 12, 2002.*

*Taun-taon, tayo po ay nagsasagawa ng mga makukulay at makabuluhang gawain upang ipagdiwang ang Araw ng Kasarinlan. Taun-taon din, tayo ay bumabalangkas ng mga palatuntunan upang ang mga magagandang adhikain ng ating mga pinuno sa pamahalaan ay ganap na maisakatuparan para sa tuloy-tuloy na kaunlaran ng ating bayan.*

*This year, we have chosen the team: "BAYAN KO, SAGOT KO!" as a fitting clarion call for our countrymen to be one with their country. Filipinos' sense of accountability to their country and to their fellowmen has been increasingly diminishing in a long while. The challenges that the country faces today will be met and overcome if each Filipino realizes that the fate of one is the fate of all and that the more we care for our fellowmen, the more enriching our lives would be.*

*We subscribe to a strong belief that peace and prosperity can be best achieved when all its citizens become accountable to its life and fate.*

*Sa aking mga kababayan, napapanahon na po na isantabi ang mga pansariling hangarin. Ang ating kaunlaran ay madaling maisasakatuparan kung tayo ay magmamalasakit nang walang hinihintay na kapalit.*

*BAYAN NATIN, SAGUTIN NATIN, MABUHAY TAYONG LAHAT!*

RICHARD J. GORDON
*Secretary and Chair*
*KALAYAAN 2002 Committee*

## PARADA NG KALAYAAN 2002

*"Pilipinas: Bayan Ko, Sagot Ko!"*

### –PROGRAMME–

*June 12, 2002*
*Quirino Grandstand, Rizal Park*
*3:00 PM*

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| Part I | Opening Program | |
| | National Anthem | **Phil. Madrigal Singers** |
| | Ecumenical Prayer | **Catholic, Protestant, Independent Church, Moslem** |
| | Welcome Speech | **Hon. Sec. Richard Gordon, DOT** |
| | Intro of the Guest Speaker | **Hon. Sec. Richard Gordon, DOT** |
| | Message of the President | **Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal Arroyo**<br>*President, Republic of the Philippines* |
| | Re-enactment | **"The Evolution of the Philippine Flag"**<br>*Barasoain Kalinangan Foundation, Inc.* |
| Part II | | **MMDA Band**<br>**PNP - carrying a GIANT Phil. Flag** |
| Part III | The Civic-Military Parade | |

***Segment 1*** KAGITINGAN NG KAWAL PILIPINO

*(The military showcase has always been the favorite and the most applauded segment of the parade. To enhance this segment further, the military will depart from the usual formation by adding new fancy drills and by using more inspiring and majestic background music for the marches.)* •Chariots/Commander and staff • Mass Band Composite • 1st BDE Comdr & Staff • PMA • PA • Mass Colors • 2nd BDE Comdr & Staff • PAF • Pnavy •Disaster Response Task Group • Bde Comdr and staff • CMC jeep • PA Disaster Response Teams 2M35 Trucks rubber boats • PN Disaster Response Teams • 2 Amphibian trucks • 2M35 Trucks rubber boats • PAF Disaster Response Teams • 3M35 Trucks rubber boats • Health Services Teams • 2 ambulance/1 mobile hospital • 4 Commel teams commo vans • Engineering teams • 2 manlift vehicles

***Segment 2*** PAGLILINGKOD SA BAYAN

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***Segment 3*** BAYAN KO, SAGOT KO!

*(This segment features the various programs of the government as shown by the participation of the national government agencies and the members of the private sector. These participants will present, through the floats and dancing contingents their own interpretation of the theme "BAYAN KO, SAGOT KO!". Similarly, private companies will also do the same.*

***Cluster I*** **Economic Sector**

• DENR (FLOAT #6) • DA/PHILCOA • Nestle • DAR (FLOAT #7) • Selecta • UNILEVER – CMC (FLOAT #8) • DTI (FLOAT #9) • SM SHOEMART (FLOAT #10) • DOLE (FLOAT #11)

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***Cluster III*** **Infrastructure and Communication Sector**

• DPWH (FLOAT #15) • DE (Dept. of Energy) (FLOAT #16) • DOTC/Coast Guard (FLOAT #17)

***Cluster IV*** **Administration and Finance**

• PNBand • DILG (FLOAT #18) • Dept. of Finance (FLOAT #19) • DFA

***Segment 4*** WOW, PHILIPPINES!

Luzon Cluster

*(This will be the most colorful segment of the parade where the regions and the local governments units will present their festivals, their tourist attractions and their interesting rituals. It will also include services that are provided to the travelers.)*
• WOW Philippines (FLOAT with Grace Nono/musicians #20) (BKFI) • Laoag City (FLOAT #21) • Pangasinan band drum and bugle • Ilocos Sur (Vigan) (FLOAT #22) • Cagayan (FLOAT #23) • Isabela (FLOAT #24) • Baguio Country Club (FLOAT #25) • Manila – marching band • Parañaque - band • Quezon City (FLOAT #26) • Cavite (FLOAT #27) • Laguna (FLOAT #28) • Bulacan • Batangas (FLOAT #29) • Albay (FLOAT #30) • Malabon • Olongapo (FLOAT #31) • Taguig (FLOAT #32) • Pasay Marching Band • Las Piñas (5 sarao jeep/tiboruine) • Caloocan (FLOAT #33)

Visayas/Miadanao Cluster

• Cebu (FLOAT #34) • Bohol (FLOAT #35) • Iloilo • Cagayan de Oro · Bukidnon (FLOAT #36) • Cotabato (FLOAT #37)

***Segment 5*** CULTURE OF TOURISM

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## Kalayaan 2002

***Schedule of Activities***

June 9-12

- **Malaya at Malikhaing Pagpapahayag**
  A Sculptural Exhibit by the National Parks Development Committee (NPDC) Arts Association of the Philippines and the Society of Philippine Sculptors
  Venue: Kanluran Ng Sining, Rizal Park
- **Tiangge sa Luneta**
  MMDA Trade Fair
  Venue: T.F. Valencia, Rizal Park
- **Orkidyas at Halaman**
  Orchids and Garden Show
  Venue: Rizal Park Orchidarium
  Time: 9:00 AM
- **Enerhiya Para sa Bayan**
  DOE's Energy Exhibit
  Venue: T.F. Valencia, Rizal Park
  Time: 9:00 AM
- **Yamang-Dagat, Yamang Lupa**
  DA's Agricultural/ Aquaculture Fair
  Venue: Lagoonside, Rizal Park
- **Balik Tanaw sa Kasaysayan: Handog ng NHI**
  NHI's Book Sale
  Venue: Central Lagoon, Rizal Park
- **Puso at Bisig ng Sandatahang Lakas**
  AFP's Military Hardware Display/Exhibit
  Venue: T.F. Valencia, Rizal Park
  Time: 9:00 AM
- **"Concert at the Park" Dugong Pilipino Ikarangal Araw ng Kalayaan.. Ipagdiwang!**
  A concert of best-loved Philippine patriotic songs.
  Venue: Open-air Auditorium, Rizal Park
  Date: June 9 only
  Time: 6:00 PM
- **Sine: Anak Dalita**
  Venue: Open-Air Auditorium, Rizal Park
  Date: June 9 only
  Time: 8:00 PM
- **Kalinga sa Mamamayan**
  DILG's People Day
  Venue: Lagoonside, Rizal Park
- **DTI's Kalayaan Sale**
  Venue: various malls nationwide

ARAW NG KALAYAAN
June 12

- **Pagtataas ng Watawat, Pag-aalay ng Bulaklak**
  *Simultaneous flag-raising and wreath-laying ceremonies at six major historical sites in the country to be led by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo*
  *Time: 7:00 AM*
  **Aguinaldo Shrine, Kawit, Cavite**
  *- Pres. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo*
  **Rizal Park, Manila**
  *- Senator Franklin M. Drilon*
  **Mausoleo de los Veteranos**
  *- DND Sec. Angelo T. Reyes*
  **Barasoain Church, Malolos, Bulacan**
  *- DOH Sec. Manuel Dayrit*
  **Pinaglabanan Shrine, San Juan**
  *- Mayor Victor Joseph Estrada*
  **Bonifacio Monument, Caloocan**
  *- Mayor Reynaldo Malonzo*
- **Vin D' Honneur Ceremonial Hall Malacañang**
- **Libreng Konsultahan, Libreng Gamutan**
  *DOH's free medical consultation and treatment*
  *Venue: Central Lagoon, Rizal Park*
  *Time: 9:00 AM*
- **Lundag sa Alapaap**
  *Sky Diving Exhibition*
  *Venue: Quirino Grandstand, Rizal Park*
  *Time: 1:00 PM*
- **"Salaysayan Sa Kalayaan"**
  *Storetelling sessions on the life of our national heroes*
  *Venue: Hisbiscus Patch Orchidarium, Rizal Park*
  *Time: 10:00 to 11:00 AM*
- **Eksibisyon ng AFP**
  *Silent Drill Exhibition by the Philippine Air Force and Philippine Marines Drum & Bugle Corps*
  *Venue: Quirino Grandstand, Rizal Park*
  *Time: 2:00 PM*
- **"Bayan Ko, Sagot Ko"**
  *Philippine Independence Day Parade*
  *Venue: Quirino Grandstand, Rizal Park*
  *Time: 3:30 PM*
- **Paligsahan Ng Banda**
  *(17 Marching Band Competition)*
  *Venue: Quirino Grandstand*
  *Time: 6:00 PM*
- **Pailaw sa Kalayaan**
  *Special Fireworks Display*
  *Venue: Quirino Grandstand, Rizal Park*
  *Time: 7:00 PM*
- **Sine: "Tinimbang Ka Ngunit Kulang**
  *Venue: Open-air Auditorium, Rizal Park*
  *Time: 8:00 PM*
- **Alay sa Bayan ng GMA-7**
  *A cultural entertainment show featuring the talents of GMA-7*
  *Venue: Quirino Grandstand, Rizal Park*
  *Time: 8:30 PM*
- *Local and International Programs Independence Day Celebration in LGUs and Philippine Embassies and Consulates Abroad*

## ARAW NG KALAYAAN Cultural Show

### *(ALAY ng GMA sa KALAYAAN)*

*June 12, 2002 – 7:00 PM*

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|---|---|---|
| 1. | Salidumay Opening (Luz-Vi-Min dance fest) | **Maureen Larrazabal & Danz Focus** |
| 2. | Entrance of Hosts/ Welcome Spiels | **Ruby Rodriguez & Joey De Leon** |
| 3. | Mabuti Pa Sila/ Aking Kubo | **Gary Granada** |
| 4. | Song Number | **Kyla** |
| 5. | GAME w/ audience participation | **"Tama O Mali?"** |
| 6. | Guest Performance ballet number performed in Beijing, China during GMA's state visit | **Dalagang Pilipinas Halili-Cruz School of Dance** |
| 7. | Surprise Appearance | **Binibining Pilipinas** |
| 8. | OPM Hits & Pilipinas Kong Mahal | **Geneva Cruz** |
| 9. | DOT Launch w/ Geneva | **Awarding for Best Float & Best Band Sec. Gordon's Inspirational Address & Launch VISIT PHILs 2003** |
| 10. | Song Number | **James Blanco<br>Maybelyn dela Cruz<br>Biboy Ramirez**<br>***(Kahit Kailan Cast)*** |
| 11. | Solo Ballet | **Tanging Yaman by a premier ballerina of the Halili-Cruz School of Dance** |
| 12. | OPM Hits | **Francis M.** |
| 13. | Production Number about OFWs Aldie Rubee's O.T. | **Sex Bomb w/ Sherwin Ordonez** |
| 14. | Sponsored Game | **Audience Quiz: Tourism Trivia** |
| 15. | Promo Number | **Sex Bomb** |
| 16. | Guest Appearance | **Mutya ng Pilipinas** |
| 17. | Ballet Number Muslim-inspired dance performed all over Asia-Pacific | **Padayaw Halili-Cruz School of Dance** |
| 18. | OPM Hits | **Jolina Magdangal** |
| 19. | OMP Hits | **Janno Gibbs** |
| 20. | Finale Number Excerpts/Theme Song WOW PHILIPPINES | **All Cast & Danz Focus/ Wow Phil!** |

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3. All vehicles travelling southward coming from Delpan Bridge shall utilize A. Soriano Street (Aduana St.), right Magallanes Drive, right P. Burgos Street to Taft Avenue to point of destination in the south.
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9. After 1430H, no vehicles will be allowed to enter the engagement area at the checkpoints and at Katigbak Drive and South Boulevard.

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# Pangilinan offers to give up 'juicy' Senate post

**By Rocky Nazareno**

SOME administration senators would willingly relinquish the chairmanship of certain "juicy" Senate committees to entice some members of the breakaway "new majority" and restore order in the divided Senate, Sen. Francis Pangilinan said yesterday.

Pangilinan said he and other administration senators would do this to "strengthen the administration and majority coalition in the Senate."

"I'm willing to give up whatever committee the other side may be interested in," the senator, who chairs the Senate committees on ethics, justice and human rights and housing and urban development, said in a press conference.

"I am open to that for as long as we have the same end in view, and that is to strengthen the administration and majority," he said.

Pangilinan said he believed other administration senators would be willing to do the same "just to solve this impasse and move on because we have so much to do."

In a separate press conference, opposition Sen. Roberto Jaworski said he was sticking with the "new majority" despite rumors that he might jump ship after reportedly being assured of a slot in the administration's 2004 senatorial ticket.

Jaworski said he would not need to be courted if the one doing the courting was doing the right thing.

"Even if I am in the majority or minority, if what the group is doing is wrong, then I will not join it," he said.

He admitted that "some friends from the other side" have been talking to him, trying to convince him to join the administration bloc, which includes his father-in-law, ailing Sen. Ramon Revilla.

But he denied having been offered a slot in the administration's senatorial line-up for 2004.

"If there is one senator who can stand on his own and say that he doesn't owe anyone anything, that's me. I was elected by the nation. I honestly believe that I have not failed," Jaworski said.

# Solons to have a 'new' House

**By Juliet L. Javellana**

A "NEW" House will host President Macapagal-Arroyo when she delivers her second State of the Nation Address on July 22.

For the first time since it was inaugurated in 1978, the session hall of the House of Representatives will be completely refurbished with new ceilings, walls and carpet in time for the annual event when the President addresses a joint session of the two houses.

A hundred workers are in the midst of a "top-to-bottom" renovation of the session hall at the massive complex where 218 congressmen hold their sessions and offices.

House Deputy Secretary General Noel Albano said it is the first major renovation of the House session hall since the building opened its doors in 1978.

He said it is the first time the royal blue carpet will be replaced since it was installed 24 years ago.

He said that when workers tore up the carpet, they discovered an inch of dust underneath. Workers had to sweep the floor for days to completely remove the dirt.

Albano said the original carpet, though sustained only by assiduous cleaning and shampooing every year, is now dilapidated and torn in places.

It will be replaced by a new wool carpet with the same royal blue color but with borders in contrasting hues.

Surigao del Norte Rep. Robert Ace Barbers, chair of the House accounts committee, said the entire "repair and renovation" of the session hall cost only P7.5 million and not P150 million as claimed by Leyte Rep. Ted Failon.

"Tell me how P7.5 million can be anywhere near the P150 million figure that Failon is maliciously talking about," Barbers said in a statement.

Albano said P4 million of the budget would be spent on the repair of the ceiling, parts of which have been leaking, while P3.5 million would be spent on the flooring.

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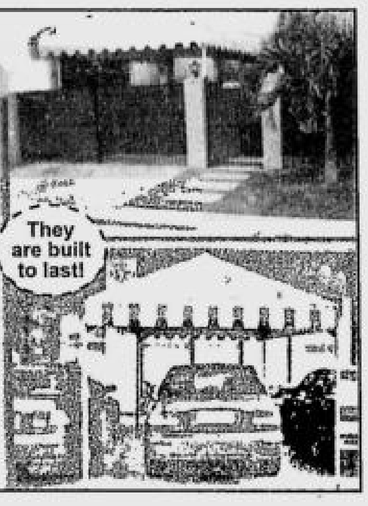
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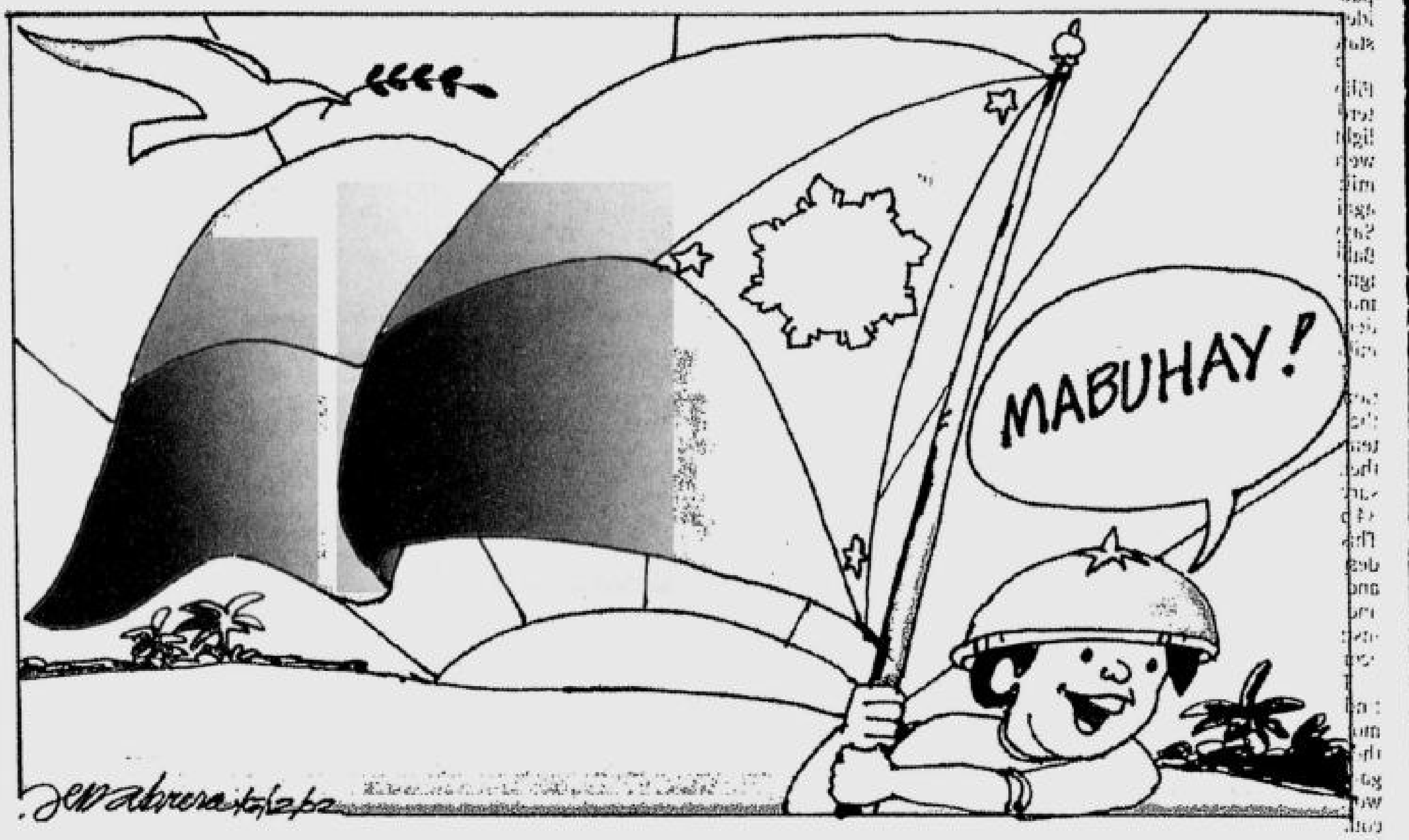

# The nation's day

**EDITORIAL**

THERE are two striking things about today's Independence Day celebration. One is that President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo is presiding over a celebration that his father, the late President Diosdado Macapagal, has had a hand in marking. Second is that four decades after the late president's decision to transfer the Independence Day from July 4 to June 12, Filipinos still choose to call the feast Independence Day, not National Day.

In a way, it is propitious that Ms Macapagal is leading today's celebration. In a show of nationalism and a politician's good timing, her father had restored June 12 as Independence Day. Her father had made other initiatives to signal the nation's coming of age, such as helping establish Maphilindo (Malaysia, Philippines and Indonesia), the precursor to Seato and Asean, and staking the Philippine claim on Sabah; but he will be remembered for the June 12 restoration, for better or for worse.

The largely symbolic gesture has since been relegated to one of colorful dramatics bordering on empty rhetoric. But it is part of the ambience of nation-building that certain historic events, even some that didn't turn out excellently (the June 12 declaration, after all, tried but failed to forestall the American invasion, just as the Fall of Bastille resulted not so much in equality, fraternity and liberty but bloodshed and persecution), should be so memorialized and charged with meanings that don't exactly dovetail with the barest historical facts.

In a manner, too, that approximates the theological axiom of grace building on nature, the ritual celebration of certain key historic guideposts is meant to engender meanings and symbols so that they become part and parcel of the body politic. But the main ingredient here is the ever-renewing attempt to situate the rather cold history of the past to the pressing demands of the present, to make the past relate to the present and vice-versa in a hermeneutic circle that will yield ever rich meanings of some relevance and import to the annual celebration.

For all the criticisms about his administration, Diosdado Macapagal sought to translate June 12 into something meaningful and relative. For example, he was the first president to pass a land reform law that would make the meaning of independence reverberate in the agrarian setting. He pursued a foreign policy that was clearly biased for developing countries (he visited a number of African states). And he made the extraordinary move to decontrol foreign exchange that set the stage for deregulation and liberalization at a time when it was criminal to do so (it is still criminal at present, if we are to take the point of view of the anti-globalization forces). Especially for his land reform and decontrol initiatives, he was perhaps the president who knew that political independence is nothing if not translated to economic independence.

But alas, there has never been a constant attempt to trace and retrace the circle. The fact that we still call June 12 Independence Day and not National Day, as is customary among republics marking the date of their birth, shows that the feast has been transfixed in the nation's consciousness as nothing more than a postcard-pretty historic event that has not however transcended its time-bound, geography-fettered dimensions. June 12 has not gone beyond the lines of demarcation dictated by its topography (Kawit, Cavite), race (Tagalog), and historical confines (a war of independence against a colonial power). Not having gone beyond its accidental margins, it has become marginalized in the national consciousness. Hence, Independence Day, not National Day.

To be sure, it may be that the reason we insist on calling June 12 Independence Day is the existence of specters, real or imagined, that shackle us and hamper the expression of our autonomy and sovereignty. But surely since we have been marking June 12 for four decades now as our ritual declaration of liberty, the sacrament should have assumed a richer, stronger meaning that animate the best of our expressions and declarations.

It is up to each one of us to translate the tired ritual into one with ever-richer shades of meanings and relations. Take the writer Gilda Cordero-Fernando, for example. When Diosdado Macapagal moved Independence Day to June 12, she likewise moved her wedding anniversary from July 4 (tough luck!) to June 12. Today, she and her husband Marcelo celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Could there have been a better expression of love for one another and for country?

# Good news: PPA lowered this month

## AS I SEE IT

*Neal H. Cruz*

LET me brighten up your morning this Independence Day anniversary with this good news: Your Meralco bill starting this month will be lower per kilowatt-hour. The hated PPA (purchased power adjustment) has been lowered from P3.30 to P2.04 per kWh, a reduction of P1.26 per kWh. The lower rate will apply to billing days in June and will be reflected in the May-June bills.

This is not out of the goodness of the heart of Meralco, however. It is because of three things:

1. Napocor lowered its PPA to 40 centavos per kWh effective May 8. But because other Napocor charges to Meralco increased, the net reduction is only 36 centavos per kWh.

2. The Energy Regulatory Commission, in compliance with the order of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, ordered the deferment of the collection of another 50 centavos in PPA.

3. Napocor allowed Meralco's two independent power producers (IPPs)—First Gas and Quezon Power—to generate more power for Meralco. These two IPPs produce cheaper electricity than Napocor. With cheaper power to distribute, PPA rates decreased by another 40 centavos. Previously, First Gas and Quezon Power were allowed by Napocor to operate only at 40-percent capacity because Napocor's transmission lines allegedly could not transmit more power. Meralco says that the more Napocor allows it to buy power from its two IPPs, the more the PPA will decrease.

The PPA will vary every month, however, according to Meralco. It depends on how much Napocor charges Meralco for the power it buys from it, and how much power Napocor will allow Meralco to buy from its two IPPs.

The PPA, by the way, is not determined by Meralco. It is charged by Napocor although it is Meralco that collects it from consumers. Meralco immediately turns it over to Napocor after collection.

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**Can an insurance company turn over the proceeds of a life insurance policy to a third party to fulfill an obligation of the insured?**

**This is a question that now faces the Court of Appeals, Insurance Commission and the Regional Trial Court of Makati. This case is interesting and should guide other insurance companies and policyholders.**

**Pablo T. Tolentino, the insured in this case, was a defendant in a civil case filed by an employee of Manulife Phils., the insurance company. The employee, Pamela Cinco, was seeking a refund of payments for a condominium unit which Tolentino sold to her.**

**Tolentino was declared in default for failure to file his answer to the complaint. His appeal from the judgment of default was dismissed by the Court of Appeals without his knowledge, for failure to file an appellant's brief, as his lawyer migrated to Australia without telling him. The judgment became final and executory. Cinco sought the execution of the judgment.**

**Knowing that Tolentino had life insurance policies and demutualization shares with Manulife, being an employee of that insurance company, Cinco caused the garnishment of the same. The default judgment is currently the subject of a petition for annulment with the Court of Appeals.**

**Tolentino has four life insurance policies in his name with Manulife. He has also about 1,470 shares from Manulife's demutualization, with a value of about P1,600 per share.**

**The life insurance policies contain this provision:**

*"Protection against creditors:*

*"To the extent allowed by law and subject to this Policy's provisions, all death benefits and money payable under this Policy will be exempt and free from claims of the Owner's creditors and from judicial process to levy upon or attach the same."*

**Nevertheless, Tolentino was informed by Manulife in November 1999 of a notice of garnishment of the cash surrender values of his life insurance policies and his demutualization shares in connection with a writ of execution issued in the civil case filed by Cinco against Tolentino. It appears from the records, however, that the cash surrender values and demutualization shares had been turned over to the sheriff as early as August 1999, even before Manulife informed Tolentino of the notice of garnishment. The demutualization shares were released directly to Cinco, who was an employee of Manulife.**

**Tolentino sued Manulife, its officers and Cinco for breach of contract. Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp. was impleaded as a party because of Manulife's claim that it was HSBC which authorized and in fact released the shares to Cinco.**

**In the answer filed by Manulife, the corporation denied any liability by alleging that the release of the demutualization shares and the cash surrender values was done "in good faith."**

**What about the policy provision against creditors?**

**What do you think?**

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TODAY'S JOKE:

Reporter: Are you in favor of sex in the movies?

Erap: No. *Pwede naman sa* motel *at* hotel, *bakit sa sinehan pa?*

# A Filipino tragedy

## THERE'S THE RUB

*Conrado de Quiros*

I DON'T know if we still remember it, but today is Independence Day.

It is not without irony that among all the Filipino presidents it was Diosdado Macapagal, Glorial Macapagal-Arroyo's father, who made it so. Independence Day used to be celebrated on July 4, which was when the United States granted us independence immediately after the war. "Granted independence" of course being a monumental contradiction in terms and July 4 being a not very private joke.

It was Macapagal who, pressed on by the nationalists, changed Independence Day to June 12, which was when Emilio Aguinaldo declared it in 1898. Of course, that independence proved fleeting, no small thanks to those who would grant independence in 1946, but the point—a fundamental one—was clear. Independence was something won, not gotten like alms from a benefactor. On June 12, 1898, we Filipinos saw ourselves for the first time as a free people and nation. That is independence.

The irony is that it was Macapagal who would subvert nationalist pride in this country, beginning with a policy of scuttling Carlos P. Garcia's "Filipino First" policy. It was Macapagal who changed Independence Day to June 12, but it was Macapagal who most resolutely celebrated July 4—in spirit at least if not in ritual—as the nation's defining moment.

Four decades later, another Macapagal would do even more. Today is Independence Day, but there is little of the spirit of June 12 to animate it. American troops are back in the country; another military agreement is about to be signed with the United States; Bataan and Corregidor, symbols of "special relations," have returned as the defining moments of the life of the nation. June 12 is still officially Independence Day. Unofficially, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has changed it right back to July 4.

I will make a fearless forecast: July 4 will be a huge event this year.

The last time I saw an outpouring, no, a veritable outburst, of nationalist fervor was four years ago, during the Independence Day centennial. It wasn't just the sudden multitude of flags that wafted in the breeze in Luneta or flew from the rooftops of the abodes of the rich and poor, though that was a sight to behold in itself. Nor was it just the murals that sprouted overnight in Metro Manila and other cities depicting the uprising of the Katipunan, the flag being hoisted for the first time at Kawit, and other events from our stories past, though that was an even more joyous sight to behold. It was the sense of pride of being Filipino that you could feel among ordinary citizens, as palpable and intense as the midday tropical sun. I wasn't surprised at all when a mammoth crowd turned up at the Luneta during Independence Day that year, 1998, or when Metro Manila turned everywhere into a sea of red, white and blue.

But that's the story of our life, one sudden burst of passion followed swiftly by a long period of aloofness. One brief shining moment followed swiftly by a lifetime of mediocrity. Like Revolution. Like Edsa. Like Independence.

I've said in several columns that the one thing we need to prosper, or even just survive, is a sense of independence. Or nationalism, or patriotism, or plain sense of country, call it what you will. Nationalism isn't just about being protectionist or anti something, as the people who like to say it has become irrelevant in this age like to reduce it to. It is also, and far more so, about embracing something, or being for something. It is not just about fighting colonial rulers, defending the country from foreign invaders and protecting sovereignty—though heaven knows we could do with robust displays of it too. It is also about having a sense of community, having a sense of home, being proud to be Filipino.

Call it what you will, it is the one thing we need—and it is the one thing we lack. We are astonished by the way other Southeast Asian countries have progressed, outracing us and leaving us far behind, and often think that is the product of the discipline that comes from an authoritarian culture. It is nothing of the kind. If it is discipline at all, it comes not from authoritarianism but from nationalism. The Thais have it, the Singaporeans have it, the Indonesians and Malaysians have it, the Vietnamese and Cambodians and Laotians have it. That is the one thing that separates them from us. They are proud to be what they are, they are not proud to be American clones.

You have a fierce sense of independence, you have a passionate sense of country, and you will not think of trashing your country smug in the thought that your kids are studying in American schools and preparing to live in America anyway, and you yourself can always do that when things go from bad to worse. You will not think of ransacking the forests, poisoning the sea and air, and sucking in the wealth of the country like a vacuum cleaner all the way to the vaults of the Swiss banks. You will not think of saying how utterly helpless we are to solve our problems without external, preferably American, help, alms we can eat, sovereignty we cannot. You will treat your country with the ardent solicitousness of a lover. Or to use a rich Filipino word, you will have *malasakit* for your country.

We don't have it. That's what's killing us. I beg to disagree with Jose Abueva's findings that most Filipinos are proud to be Filipinos. Except for the sudden bursts of pride and passion you find during centennials and displays of people power, it is seldom patent. From where I stand, what is more patent is that most Filipinos would prefer being somebody else. Preferably, American citizens.

That is the Filipino dream. That is the Filipino tragedy. It is one and the same.

Something worth pondering this, well, we call it Independence Day.

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# Pride and the Filipino

**ANALYSIS**

*Amando Doronila*

TODAY being the 104th anniversary of our declaration of independence from Spain, we can pause to consider the recurrent themes of Filipino identity and how autonomous we are as a nation-state.

Prof. Jose V. Abueva's survey on the state of Filipino citizenship, published in the INQUIRER yesterday, provides insights into the themes highlighted by the survey. Abueva's survey findings were disclosed against the background of the military intervention of US forces in the fight against terrorist groups incarnated by the Abu Sayyaf. The US military participation in the Balikatan joint exercises in Mindanao has again ignited the resurgence of the sovereignty issue, more than 50 years after we regained independence and 10 years after the withdrawal of US military bases in the Philippines.

The survey indicates that there is a scant relationship between Filipinos' dissatisfaction with the way democracy works (or the political system), as shown in a previous UP survey, and with their pride in being Filipino citizens. In the new survey, 57 percent said they were very proud and 34 percent said they were proud of being Filipino. This high rating of pride in citizenship stood out despite political instability, the breakdown of law and order, the political gridlock in our democracy and the battering and dysfunction of our political institutions, and the slowdown of the national economy.

The conclusion we may derive from these findings is that the problems of Philippine democracy have not eroded the Filipinos' pride in themselves. The implication seems to be that regardless of the political system, i.e., whether it works or not, and the battering received by the country as an economic laggard, Filipinos find in their culture and political experience sufficient reasons to be proud of their citizenship. This means Filipinos have fallen back to their nationality as a sanctuary to counter their economic and political difficulties.

The survey disclosed that 81 percent agreed with the statement that the Filipino would rather be a citizen of the Philippines than any other country in the world. This implies that the diaspora of millions of Filipinos seeking employment overseas has not undermined the Filipino's bonds of citizenship. The Filipino's identified good citizenship, with the following elements being rated as important (in this order): God-centered, industrious, faithful to service, work for country, has conviction, being responsible.

These elements form the criteria by which Filipinos determine whether one is a good citizen or not. From these criteria, therefore, one can see the bases for judgment by the citizens of whether their leaders and public servants and fellow citizens are good citizens. These standards of good citizenship can also be the source of disenchantment by the citizens with the performance and behavior of the political and administrative leadership, and political leaders and civil servants should take note of these.

The survey result on the definition of nationalism is revealing. The Filipinos' test of nationalism puts a high value on loyalty and service to country, being proud of our history and culture, promoting freedom, justice and democracy, promoting the welfare of the people. These qualities were given high ratings of between 72 percent and 62 percent. But asserting our independence received a lower rating (50 percent), along with promoting national identity and national unity (48 percent).

Opposing foreign domination rated only 30 percent. This may indicate a change of attitudes toward foreign domination, as the country shifted from the revolutionary passion at the time of the 1898 declaration of independence of the first republic and as concerns for national development and national security appear to have modulated this fervor.

This apparent shift in the perception of what is in the national interest from, let us say, 1946 when we regained our independence to the present problems of national security in a period of internal rebellions and external threats with a bearing on national security, reflects a more pragmatic attitude toward US involvement in combating internal security problems. I am referring, in particular, to the joint Philippine-US Balikatan exercises in Mindanao, where the deployment of US forces with Filipino troops in the campaign against the Abu Sayyaf, has resurrected issues of sovereignty.

Recent opinion polls have indicated overwhelming support for US involvement in the campaign against the Abu Sayyaf, especially among the people of Mindanao. Since 1946, the lines between internal security and US involvement in our external security arrangements have become increasingly blurred. Our people may have come to understand that while they would like to assert our independence and autonomy, sovereignty is meaningless unless the Philippine state can impose its authority on its rebellions citizens who in effect have diminished the exercise of such sovereignty.

The Macapagal administration should take the findings on awareness of culture and history as a factor in nationalism as a cue that it has neglected this aspect of promoting national unity and sharpening our sense of national pride and identity.

The survey is a pointer to how we can deepen the pride of Filipinos in their citizenship.

# Ediborah and the Burnhams

**AT LARGE**

*Rina Jimenez-David*

LET'S hear it for Gracia Burnham, who bade us farewell with gentle words of gratitude and love for our country and our people. Let's hear it for a woman who had undergone over a year of deprivation and hardship, fear, terror and hunger, and the unspeakable loneliness of being held hostage, albeit with her husband beside her, but who managed to survive the ordeal with grace and dignity.

The picture that Ms Burnham presented before her departure for the United States was not what one had expected of a woman who had just spent a year in the jungles of Basilan and had barely escaped with her life from the notorious Abu Sayyaf. One expected a more haggard version of the thin, wan figure huddled beside her husband in the video footage from the bandits' mountain lair. Instead, there emerged a Gracia Burnham who seemed, on the surface at least, none the worse for her hardships. She seemed to be glowing, even, though perhaps out of relief and eagerness to be with her children once more.

The only trace of grieving she allowed to show was when her voice broke at the mention of her late husband Martin and how they had both enjoyed their 15-year stay in the country as Christian missionaries.

One first sensed there was a woman of spunk and spirit inside her frail figure on viewing the footage of Martin as he read a statement prepared by the Abu Sayyaf. As Martin read impassively the Abu Sayyaf's claims of religious persecution and idealism, Gracia sat silent and motionless beside him, but at certain points, her eyes would roll up, her eyebrows would arch, and her lips would twitch eloquently. If, by the airing of the footage, Abu Sabaya had hoped for a propaganda coup, then his efforts were thwarted by Gracia's facial calisthenics.

To Gracia, then, our earnest wishes for a homecoming that's as happy as it could be under the circumstances. That even as she prepares to bury Martin in their hometown, she might find her recovery speeded by the company of her children, family and church members, and the prayers of her friends, the Filipino people.

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**A PRAYER, too, for Martin Burnham and Ediborah Yap. It seems difficult to understand why an American couple would choose to live in and raise their children in a country that's not only far away but also fraught with the unknown and unfamiliar. And why, once here, they would choose to locate not in a city but to live among the rural poor.**

**To glean some understanding of the possible motives that drive men like Martin Burnham, I would suggest a reading of "The Poisonwood Bible," the fictional account of an American missionary family's disastrous stint in the Congo at the time of the unrest against the Belgian colonizers. This is not to say that Martin shared the same elements of arrogance and blind, pig-headed messianism of the missionary-father. But it explains in part what drives the missionary impulse, and the kind of faith and even naiveté that one needs to cultivate to pursue such a life.**

**Certainly, Martin and Gracia's faith was tested as it had never been in the year they spent among the bandits. And I expect they lost their naïve trust in the goodness of people during this time, as they were used as human shields, bargaining chips, and, in Gracia's words, lied to repeatedly.**

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IF there was one person who may have helped the Burnhams believe again in human decency, perhaps that was Ediborah, who chose to stay even as the Abu Sayyaf told her she could go. And all because she believed the Burnhams needed her help and her knowledge of nursing.

If it's difficult understanding the reasons the Burnhams chose to live here, it's even more difficult grasping this nurse and mother's reasons for putting her life on the line for the sake of fellow hostages. And it wasn't just physical hardship and danger that Ediborah risked, but also rape and degradation. A few weeks ago, there was even news that Ediborah had in fact converted to Islam and was even "taken" as wife by an Abu Sayyaf top honcho. Her choice, her relatives said, was stark. She could either consent to an exclusive relationship or risk being "passed around" as a sexual slave.

No one knows why Abu Sabaya announced recently that Ediborah was soon to be released as she had proven to be a "good" Muslim believer. Given this bandit leader's record, he could well have been simply taunting the authorities and baiting the Americans. But if true, then it should make the pain of Ediborah's death all that keener. Truly, she died a martyr of the caring profession, a nurse and a woman all of us can be proud of.

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**WHETHER Martin and Ediborah were executed or caught in the crossfire seems of little importance right now. When news of the outcome of the operation first reached me, my first thought admittedly was how the military could have bungled the rescue again. It seems easy to play little general from this remove, to second-guess the Scout Rangers who were battling muddy mountainous terrain as well as the heavily armed bandits while soaked in heavy rain. But if we demand a military solution to a hostage situation, then we must realize that, despite all the care to be taken, the lives of the hostages will be at risk.**

**Of course, there is a way to ensure that hostages are freed with no loss of life. But this is the way of negotiation, and the Filipino public has long ago made known its disapproval of such an approach, and its distrust of those charged with the delicate task. In this did public opinion "play general" in the operations against the Abu Sayyaf, for which we all must take responsibility for the tragic consequences.**

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# Books on Philippine history

**LOOKING BACK**

*Ambeth R. Ocampo*

EACH year I dread the approach of June 12 (Independence Day) and Dec. 30 (Rizal Day). First, I have to get up early to be at the Luneta for the traditional ceremonies. Worse, I have to think what to write in this column on those days. No, I seem to have exhausted my own reserves and so I decided to share a list of books that readers can browse, if only to get an interpretation of history that is different from mine.

Four out-of-print classics on the Philippine Revolution were given a new lease on life by the University of the Philippines Press: Teodoro A Agoncillo's "Revolt of the Masses: The Story of Bonifacio and the Katipunan" (first published 1956) covers the first phase of the Revolution, 1896-1897; "Malolos: Crisis of the Republic" (1960) covers the second-phase of the Revolution, 1898-1901. Going a step farther than Agoncillo's narrative is Cesar Majul's "The Political and Constitutional Ideas of the Philippine Revolution" (1957) which identifies and analyzes the ideas that shaped the Revolution. His later book, "Mabini and the Philippine Revolution" (1960) is a study of the Revolution through the eyes of Mabini who helped shape our history.

There are two ways of viewing reprints. One is to acknowledge these books as "classics" or an admission that no other major work on the Revolution has been produced in the past three decades that would supplement or even surpass these "classic" works by Agoncillo and Majul. Why do important works, like Milagros C. Guerrero's "Luzon at War: Contradictions in Philippine History," remain as unpublished dissertations? Surely, much history has been researched, analyzed and written up since the time of Agoncillo and Majul. O.D. Corpuz has taken the challenge with his "Saga and Triumph" and Samuel Tan with "The Filipino-American War."

Other reprinted classics from the Ateneo de Manila University Press are: John Schumacher's "The Propaganda Movement 1880-1895" (revised 1997); "Revolutionary Clergy: The Filipino Clergy and the Nationalist Movement, 1850-1903" (third printing 1998); "The Trial of Rizal: W.E. Retana's Transcription of the Official Spanish Documents" edited, translated and annotated by Horacio de la Costa, S.J. (reprinted 1998).

The National Historical Institute continues to reprint much of Rizal's writings and other publications of the 1960s and 1970s, like "Memoirs of Artemio Ricarte" and Epifanio de Los Santos' "The Revolutionists" containing biographical essays on Aguinaldo, Bonifacio and Jacinto. Rizal's "Noli me Tangere" and "El Filibusterismo" are available in the English translations of Leon Ma. Guerrero or the superior Soledad Lacson-Locsin editions. In Filipino the latest and best translation to date is by Virgilio Almario.

First-hand accounts of the Revolution are also available now: "Father Jose Burgos: A Documentary History" by John N Schumacher, S.J. (Ateneo 1999); Manuel Sityar's "Rebolusyong Pilipino," translated from the original Spanish by Trinidad O. Regala (UP Sentro ng Wikang Pilipino 1998); "The Katipunan and the Revolution," translated from the original Tagalog by Paula Carolina Malay (Ateneo Press, third printing 1998); "Ilang Talata Tungkol sa Paghihimagsik Revolucion nang 1896-97 Sinulat ni Carlos Ronquillo," edited and with notes by Isagani Medina (UP Press 1996), which at 824 Pages is so thick it can be used as a door stopper.

The NHI has reprinted an English translation of Apolinario Mabini's "La Revolucion Filipina" that is so damaging to Aguinaldo. Fortunately, Aguinaldo's "Mga Gunita ng Himagsikan" has been reprinted to give his version of history.

There are many more first-hand accounts and the above is only a partial list.

Although they may seem like a lot, they are not enough. In the past, history was centered on the events in and around Manila. Heroes were limited to national heroes like Rizal, Bonifacio and Aguinaldo. Now we have history from outside the capital. Resil Mojares' "The War Against the Americans: Resistance and Collaboration in Cebu 1899-1906" (Ateneo Press 1999) is on Cebu. While not really about the Revolution, Filomeno Aguilar's "Clash of Spirits: The History of Power and Sugar Planter Hegemony on a Visayan Island" (Ateneo 1998) sets the stage for a reinterpretation of the Philippine Revolution in Negros.

Forgotten heroes are remembered in Orlino A. Ochosa's "Pio del Pilar and Other Heroes" (New Day 1997) and "Bandoleros: Outlawed Guerrillas of the Philippine-American War 1903-1907" (New Day 1995). Ochosa uses a Filipino viewpoint, turning biased colonial sources around and proving that some "bandits" at the turn of the century were actually heroes who continued the resistance to American rule long after Aguinaldo was captured in 1901.

There were many conferences, lectures, symposia during the centennial years that made scholars look into other areas of our history: food, clothing, women, gays, even the weather—all bits and pieces adding to our national narrative. There is so much to read and so little time.

As long as current research is published and made readily available to the general public, the closer we will get to understanding the past. History can then help us make sense of the present and confront the future.

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# Gaudy

**COMMENTARY**

*Belinda A. Aquino*

LAS VEGAS—There's no truth to the rumor that I came here to gamble the night away. Professors don't make enough money to burn.

I guess I came out of curiosity as I'm about the only soul in Hawaii who hasn't been to Fun (or Sin) City. What is it about this place that gets hundreds of Hawaii residents every single day winging to Las Vegas, which, by the way, means "The Meadows"? Why do people get hooked?

It's a place unlike any other. There's something in it for everybody: from the pikers who bet only for fun on the nickle-and-dime slot machines to the really high rollers with the megabucks.

And if gaming (the more polite term for "gambling") is not your thing, there's still a lot you can see, like tigers and elephants on stage disappearing before your eyes. And if you hate the scene altogether, you can always repair to Hoover Dam or Lake Mead an hour way to commune with nature.

My first instinct was to close my eyes as nighttime approached because I thought I'd be blinded by the lights, glitter, spectacle, garishness and the gaudiness of it all. But that's the fascination of Las Vegas. Anything to attract your attention and get your money. The name of the game is, the gaudier the better. The brighter, the more outlandish, the tackier, the more garish the better.

Where we are booked, in Fremont Street downtown, is probably the most gaudy and dizzying in all of Las Vegas. The main attraction is a giant canopy, probably spanning, say, the heart of Makati, equal to nearly five football fields. Here is the world's largest sign in neon blinding lights supported by 16 columns each weighing 26,000 pounds! There are two million bulbs for the world's largest display system, each bulb producing 65,536 color combinations, advertising everything, including, you've guessed it, even tackier products. In addition to the blinding bulbs, 180 computer-programmed, high-intensity strobe lights and "robotic mirrors" individually program the endless entertainment shows.

To top it all, there are 208 huge speakers that can produce up to more than half a million watts of sound! During our first night at the hotel, I thought my eardrums would burst. I had to ask for two more pillows from the desk to cover my ears. I wanted to head straight for the airport to the peace and quiet of Hawaii. The blaring music/noise right under our window must have lasted until four in the morning. I would look out and confront a sea of humanity below, doing anything from posing for pictures with an albino python, to watching a pair of magicians selling their tricks. This is the city that never sleeps, not New York.

Amused, I was speculating that this must be part of a conspiracy to cause so much noise so you wouldn't be able to sleep and you would decide to go down to the casino, which is in every hotel, to gamble your sleeplessness away. All kinds of sounds like cling, gong, zing, tok and tik,tik,tik emanate from the machines. You have a choice of the slots, craps (dice), baccarat, roulette, black jack, poker, pai gow, keno, Caribbean stud and so on. The variety of gaming machines has become increasingly sophisticated with dramatic animation and come-on tapes by celebrities like Regis Philbin, of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" fame.

The high rollers gravitate to the Wheel of Fortune jackpot machines, hoping to hit the big time. Dollar coins disappear in seconds. In January 2000 someone hit the jackpot of $34 million! The jackpot builds from a base amount, like a pyramid, which increases every time the machine is played. Right now, it's up to $22 million. Of course, your chances of hitting it are probably one in 22 million, too. Still, it's addicting. The cab driver I was talking to one night said he has bet up to $1,000 in one night trying to bring home the jackpot. He was obsessed with the megabucks jackpot.

Quite evident is the increasing number of Filipinos on the gaming scene. Nevada, especially Las Vegas, has the fastest growing community of Filipinos in America. So fast that the biweekly newspaper Philippine News, based in San Francisco, has decided to open a bureau here.

Great believers in *"suwerte"* (luck), Filipinos are rolling away like there's no tomorrow. I surveyed the scene one night at the Golden Nugget and most of the Filipino customers were elderly and looked like retired folks. A few Filipinos, both here and in Atlantic City on the East Coast, have hit the jackpot.

The center of gravity in Las Vegas, however, is really the main drag called "The Strip." If gaming is gaudy as can be, so is the entertainment, and the so-called "theme parks," which sprout like mushrooms. Luxor tries to outdo the pyramids of Egypt. Venetian recreates the Grand Canal of Venice with gondolas and St. Mark's Square. If you've been to the real Venice, of course, you'd be repulsed by this shoddy imitation. Eiffel Tower with a Paris skyline is farther down, as Rome is in Caesar's Palace.

Asia is not far behind, with Mandalay Bay providing a less garish, and more tasteful entertainment center. Aladdin is a huge imaginary village of shops and casinos, which offer "free gaming lessons," among other things.

Treasure Island, the Mirage, Excalibur, Circus Circus, Bellagio, MGM, Desert Inn, Las Vegas Hilton—all jump out of the skyline. And it's still very crowded. In this tiny strip of real estate on just one street, an average of 200,000 people a day mill around seeking fame and fortune.

Las Vegas is trying hard to change its image from gambling, dazzling lights, women in revealing costumes and garishness to one of more tasteful entertainment in a cultural mecca. Performing arts, theatrical productions, foreign dance troupes, museums, sports, health tourism and other forms of cultural fare are now commonplace.

But the lights and the gaming and the tackiness will always be there, of course. That's what makes it Las Vegas. It will always have that "Old West" cowboy quality to it. This will never be Paris, New York, Monte Carlo or Rio de Janeiro.

And for the first-time visitor bidding goodbye, probably never to come back, it's the end of an illusion.

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**THEY SAID**

## Valuable PAL

"It's not just a money issue, but also of the intrinsic value of the company. Mr. (Lucio) Tan has already poured so much into the company that it's highly unlikely he'll let go of it."

***—Philippine Airlines president Avelino Zapanta on suggestions that the government take over the flag carrier owned by Lucio Tan***

# Dynamite fishing on Lingayen Gulf denounced

ON A RECENT visit with other tourists from Canada and Australia to a beach resort in Lingayen Gulf, we were greeted with the unforgettable smiling faces of the local people and treated to the best food and warmest hospitality we have ever experienced. But this taste of paradise was spoiled by the sight and sound of extensive dynamite fishing (poaching) around us.

We are not talking of one or two explosions. We are talking of 10 to 20 explosions a day, and some of the resulting geysers were clearly visible from shore. In fact, I had the misfortune of snorkeling when one of the blasts happened nearby. The pain in my inner ear was excruciating and long-lasting.

Our whole group was shocked and appalled that such poaching could be done in broad daylight and some occurred close to the resort strip, and yet there was no sign of any police action against this type of activity. We assumed that this type of "fishing" and possession of explosives by common citizens are illegal.

All the local people expressed concern and felt that something had to be done to stop it. However, there was no one to uphold the law.

We came to the conclusion that this activity continues because of laxity in the enforcement of laws due to corruption, lack of resources to police this activity, laziness on the part of the so-called "fishermen," extreme tolerance of the local people for such activity and ignorance about the full detrimental effects of "dynamite fishing" on the environment and the resources of the local people and future generations.

I know that we were only tourists and it is not our place to be critical or to cast judgment on local customs and practices. However, we are concerned citizens of the world and this type of fishing has absolutely no positive impact on mankind or future generations.

We were told that the reef chain between Hundred Islands and Poro Point was not only beautiful and spectacular but the reef complex was also home to schools of uncountable fish species. Today there is nothing left but dead coral rubble and one would be very lucky to even catch a glimpse of a fish. This all came about because of "dynamite fishing" and "chemical shock fishing." Their effects are certainly being felt by the local economy in both the food and tourism sectors. Continued tolerance for such activities will surely wipe out both industries.

The government should do something about this. Hopefully, it is not yet too late to act.

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# Ombudsman has no quasi-judicial function

IN HIS LETTER published last June 1, Jose T. de Jesus Jr., spokesperson of the Office of the Ombudsman, said:

"In the first role, the Ombudsman investigator acts like a judge. He cannot take sides even if the complainant is the PCGG. He must, as a quasi-judicial officer, be totally fair and impartial to the litigants. He cannot be the complainant and judge at the same time. He is called upon, as his sacred duty, to resolve the case based only on the evidence presented by the parties. If the evidence of the complainant is sufficient, the investigator files the case in court; otherwise, he dismisses the case."

This definition of the role of the Ombudsman investigator is not correct. The constitutional duties of the Ombudsman are, among other things, to "investigate on its own, or on complaint by any person, any act or omission of any public official, employee, office or agency, when such act or omission appears to be illegal, unjust, improper, or inefficient" and to "request any government agency for assistance and information necessary in the discharge of its responsibilities, and to examine, if necessary, pertinent records and documents."

According to the Supreme Court, "the powers, functions and duties of the Ombudsman have generally been categorized into the following headings: Investigatory Power; Prosecutory Power; Public Assistance Functions; Authority to Inquire and Obtain Information; and Function to Adopt, Institute and Implement Preventive Measures." The Ombudsman investigator has no quasi-judicial power.

**—MARIANO R. PEFIANCO,**
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## LETTERS

# Where will jobs for elderly come from?

LAS Piñas City Rep. Cynthia Villar introduced House Bill No. 975 known as "Magna Carta for Older Persons" and one of its provisions calls for jobs to be given to Filipinos 60 years old and above.

This is next to impossible. Last March and April, we had 384,000 college graduates. Many of them marched to Mendiola to show their disappointment over the lack of job opportunities in the country.

Even labor leaders are apprehensive that more workers will be displaced as a result of closures of factories and retrenchment in companies due to the country's commitment to the World Trade Organization. Even President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo recently noted that unemployment remained high at 10.3 percent.

Therefore, it was wrong for Villar to include a provision to give senior citizens employment opportunities. How can she employ or reemploy retirees who are 60 years old or more, when those who are 25 to 34 years old have very little chances of employment and those who are 35 years old and above have no chance at all?

Is Villar courting the senior citizens' votes in the 2004 national elections?

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# Politics fuels US military build-up

ACCORDING to media reports, the Balikatan exercise is not only extended but also expanded. Thus, American and Filipino troops are now jointly manning military checkpoints in Basilan, as US troops accompany Filipino soldiers in combat operations in the area. At the same time, the launching of the Mutual Logistics Support Arrangement (MLSA), which will pave the way for the return of the US military bases in the Philippines, is awaiting Malacañang's go-signal.

Commenting on these reported developments, former National Security Adviser Jose Almonte said that President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo acquiesced to them "in the exercise of national sovereignty." Perhaps she did, but did she exercise the Filipino people's will or did she merely yield to President Bush's wish?

Some say that the United States is escalating its military presence here preparatory to the pursuit of "preemptive deterrence" (as distinguished from "hot pursuit") against Muslim fundamentalists with al-Qaida connections in Indonesia and Malaysia. They link to this the endless visits here of American civilian and military VIPs, including the hawkish Defense Undersecretary Paul Wolfowitz, some leaders of the US Congress and top US military officers. Wolfowitz is supposed to have coined Bush's "axis of evil."

But the more immediate reason for the hyped US military build-up here, I suspect, is to create the impression—mainly for American consumption—that the Philippines is a veritable anti-terror war theater. No matter what the truth is, this impression must be created and projected to the American public to justify the spending of Bush's $385-billion anti-terror war budget in huge defense contracts on the eve of the coming US congressional elections. Because of these elections, Bush has slapped a 30-percent tariff on imported steel and signed into law a farm security act, both designed to win steel industry and farm votes for his Republican Party—in the process exposing as a myth America's commitment to a market economy.

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# Wrong target of probe

AKBAYAN should take a look at the antics of its representative in Congress. She seems to be working for big vested interests. The kind view is that this stems from naiveté on her part.

At the House energy committee hearing last June 4, Rep. Etta Rosales took up almost three hours probing an independent power producer that does not have the notorious and oppressive take-or-pay provisions in its contract. In the process, Meralco, which is the real problem, gleefully watched from the sidelines as time ran out. By targeting that particular IPP, Rosales diverted attention from the big IPPs, like Mirant, First Gas, Sta. Rita and Alcantara.

If Rosales truly reflects the priorities of Akbayan, then the whole point of putting party-list representatives in Congress is entirely defeated.

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# Too important to be abolished

THE SUGGESTION of some sectors to abolish the Sangguniang Kabataan is understandable given its questionable usefulness as well as the lack of interest in it shown by the youth themselves.

Nevertheless, I feel that as a mechanism for facilitating the participation of the youth in the affairs of the government, the SK is too important to be abolished without much deliberation. The youth is the largest constituency in the country, and they, too, have special stakes to promote and protect.

If the SK has not achieved the objectives for which it was established, abolition may not be the best way of solving that problem. It may be better to strengthen the structures or mechanisms through which genuine participation by the youth sector in the government can be facilitated. One such mechanism is to involve the youth themselves in decision-making, rather than having the non-youth making all the decisions all the time.

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# Ex-Afghan king capitulates to US pressure

## NEWS ANALYSIS

*Chris Otton*

KABUL—Former King Mohammed Zahir Shah was forced to renounce all claims to power Monday, after the United States feared close ally Hamid Karzai could be compromised by attempts to install the 87-year-old as Afghanistan's head of state.

Zahir Shah was forced to announce his decision at a press conference of the world's media rather than to his former subjects at the opening of the long-awaited Loya Jirga grand assembly after US envoy to Afghanistan Zalmay Khalilzad appeared to bounce him into a position.

Khalilzad, who was sitting close to the ex-king as he made his announcement, had earlier told a press conference at the US Embassy that Zahir Shah would be making a statement to clarify "that he is not a candidate for head of state or the government...and that he supports Mr. Karzai's candidacy."

Khalilzad said he met with Zahir Shah on Monday and a well-informed source told AFP it appeared the United States had pushed for a postponement of the start of the assembly because of the failure to reach a power-sharing agreement.

"Khalilzad has asked for a delay because there's no deal on the table yet," the source said.

One interim administration minister, who is close to the former king, denied that Zahir Shah had been humiliated after Khalilzdad had apparently preempted his decision. But he added: "I would not be here, we would not be here if it wasn't for the Americans."

But others were less generous, with one describing Khalilzdad's pressure as "a big mistake."

The blatant pressure has also upset Washington's diplomatic allies, with one senior European diplomat calling Khalizdad's tactics as "shocking."

Karzai came to power on the back of the defeat of the Taliban last December achieved mainly thanks to the US bombing campaign which followed the fundamentalist militia's refusal to hand over Osama bin Laden.

Since then, thousands of US troops have been stationed throughout Afghanistan and local forces have fought alongside coalition troops hunting for Taliban fighters and remnants of Bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

Washington was aware that any change to the political leadership in Afghanistan could harm the campaign. It has also built up close relationships with Northern Alliance ministers within the interim administration, who were close allies in the military campaign to oust the Taliban.

They were fiercely opposed to any role for the ex-king and are thought to have threatened to back out of a deal to back Karzai if the king was named head of state and Karzai head of government.

Karzai tried to lessen the humiliation for the ex-king, expressing his thanks to the "father of the nation," adding that Zahir Shah would be accorded the "highest state protocol" from now on.

"I will be as faithful and loyal to him as I have been in the past," he added.

But the outcome is likely to infuriate not only the king's followers but also locals in the southern Pashtun heartland of Afghanistan who have felt increasingly alienated from Kabul.

Karzai has paid just one visit to the main southern city of Kandahar and the feeling that he was party to the king being tossed to the wind is unlikely to endear him further.

The Loya Jirga was due to finally get under way on Tuesday afternoon but the Pashtuns could well let rip a stream of invective at Karzai, some observers predicted.

Rebel warlord Padsha Khan, who has infuriated Karzai with his attempts to seize control of the southeastern province of Paktia, is one of the delegates due to attend in Kabul.

He warned over the weekend that more fighting would break out if the king was not installed as head of state at the Loya Jirga.

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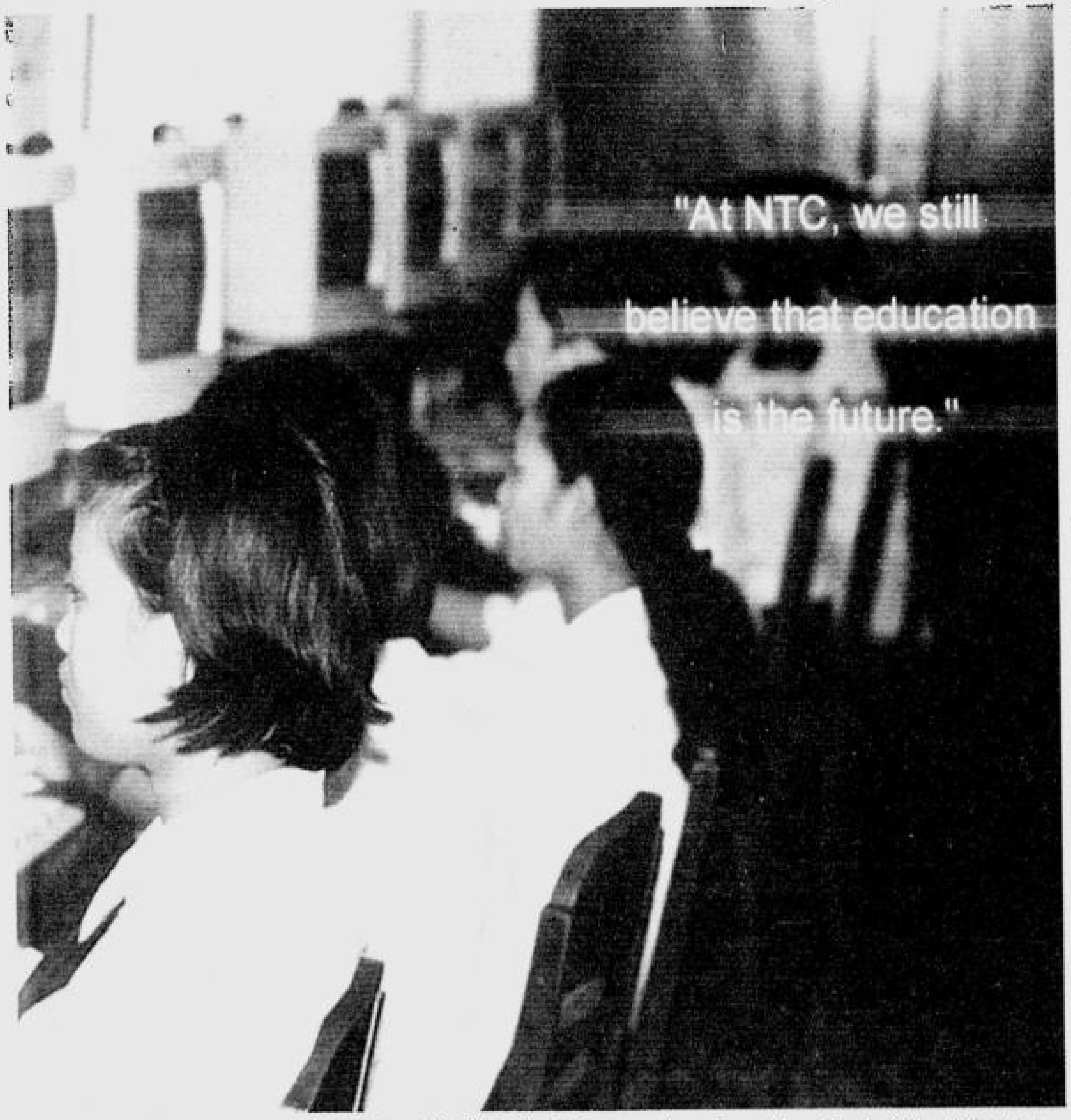
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# US foils al-Qaida 'dirty bomb' plot

**WASHINGTON—Investigators thwarted a plot to detonate a radiation-laced dirty bomb in the United States by arresting a US "terrorist" linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network, Attorney General John Ashcroft said Monday.**

"I am pleased to announce today a significant step forward in the war on terrorism," said Ashcroft in a television address live from Moscow.

"We have captured a known terrorist who was exploring a plan to build and explode a radiological dispersion device, or 'dirty bomb' in the United States."

Ashcroft said Abdullah al-Muhajir, 31, a US citizen born in New York as Jose Padilla, who was allegedly plotting the attack, was arrested at Chicago's O'Hare international airport on May 8, after flying in from Pakistan.

"We know from multiple, independent and corroborating sources that Abdullah al-Muhajir was closely associated with al-Qaida and that as an al-Qaida operative he was involved in planning future terrorist attacks on innocent American civilians in the United States."

A radioactive or dirty bomb is a conventional explosive device containing radioactive material toxic to humans that can be fatal to people in the vicinity of the blast. It is also seen as an effective weapon for disseminating panic.

Top law enforcement and military officials said they foiled the plan before a target was selected.

"It was still in the initial planning stages, it certainly wasn't at the point of having specific targets," said Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, who appeared at a press conference with Federal Bureau of Investigation chief Robert Mueller.

Al-Muhajir did however have some knowledge of the Washington area, Wolfowitz said, adding that he had researched nuclear weapons and received training in wiring explosives while in Pakistan.

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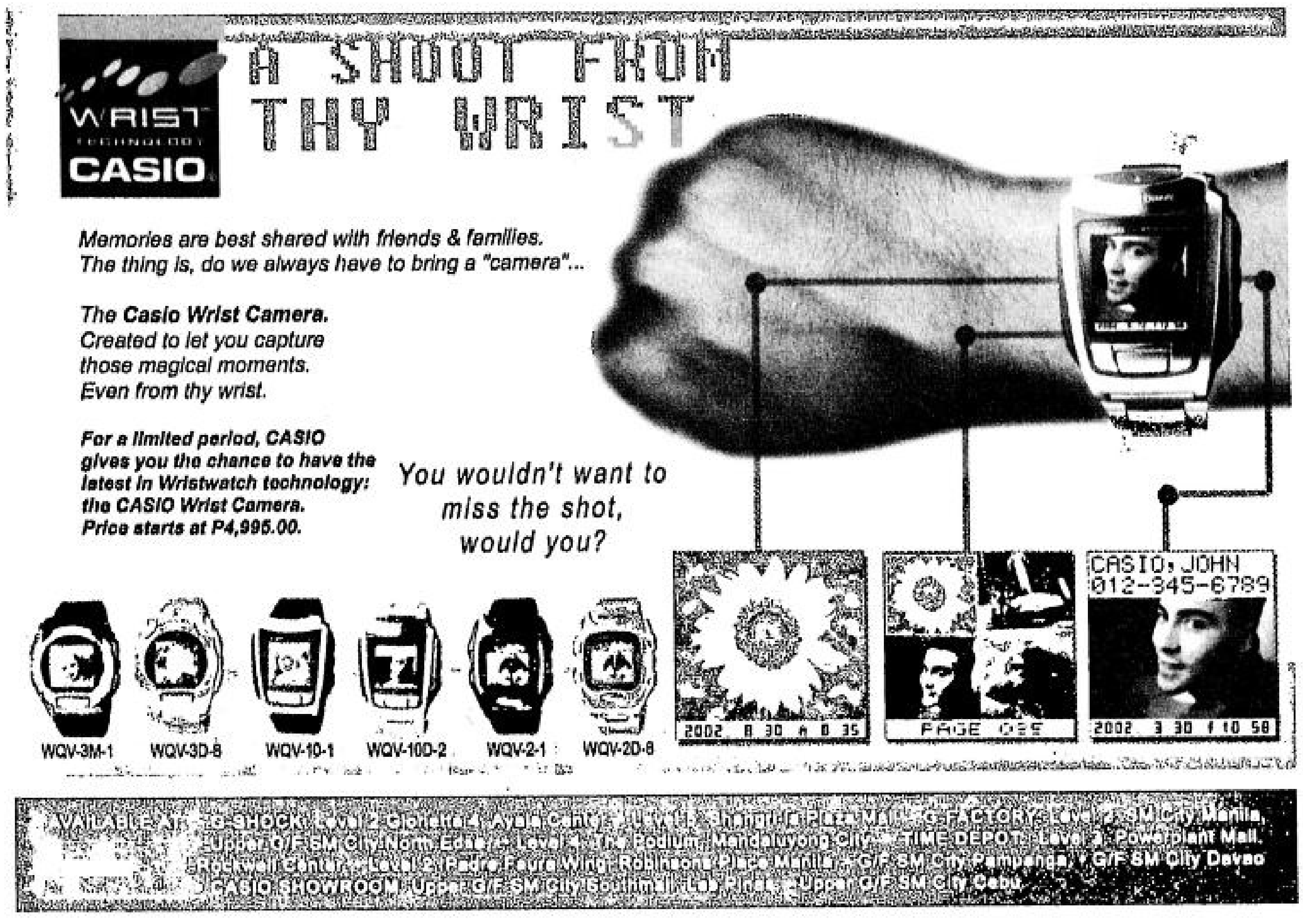

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NEW YORK—US Secretary of State Colin Powell on Monday welcomed an apparent easing of tensions between India and Pakistan, but warned the crisis between the two nuclear armed neighbors was far from over.

"We are pleased that as a result of intensive diplomatic efforts . . . we have begun to see some relaxation in the tension," Powell said in a speech to the US Asia Society.

Powell cited assurances from Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf that infiltration of Islamic militants across the disputed Kashmir border with India would cease, as well as India's announcement that Pakistani aircraft can resume flights over Indian territory.

"We have also received indications that the Indian fleet is moving away from possible confrontation with Pakistan," Powell said, while warning that much remained to be done before the situation normalized.

"This is a step down the ladder. We are still in a period of crisis and the situation is still very tense," he said, highlighting the continued presence of hundreds of thousands of troops on the India-Pakistan borders.

Washington has taken a major role in coordinating the international effort to pull India and Pakistan back from the brink of war.

Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage was in the region for a peace mission last week, and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld is expected later this week.

Powell himself called Musharraf and Indian Foreign Minister Jaswant Singh on Saturday and also spoke twice with British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw on the issue.

India lifted an overflight ban on Pakistani aircraft with immediate effect Monday after acknowledging a reduction in infiltration of Islamic militants into disputed Kashmir, the issue at the core of the India-Pakistan crisis.

Armitage said at the weekend during a refueling stop in Estonia, which he used to brief Rumsfeld on his mission, that he also expected India to make some military gestures over the next few days to further ease tensions.

The crisis in South Asia had threatened to come to a head in mid-May following an attack on an Indian army camp in Kashmir in which 35 were killed, many of them soldiers' wives and children.

India accused Musharraf of reneging on a promise to crackdown on Islamic extremists crossing into Indian-controlled Kashmir.

The United States said Friday it had seen significant signs of a slowdown in incursions across the Line of Control—the line separating India and Pakistan-controlled portions of the divided Himalayan region. **AFP**

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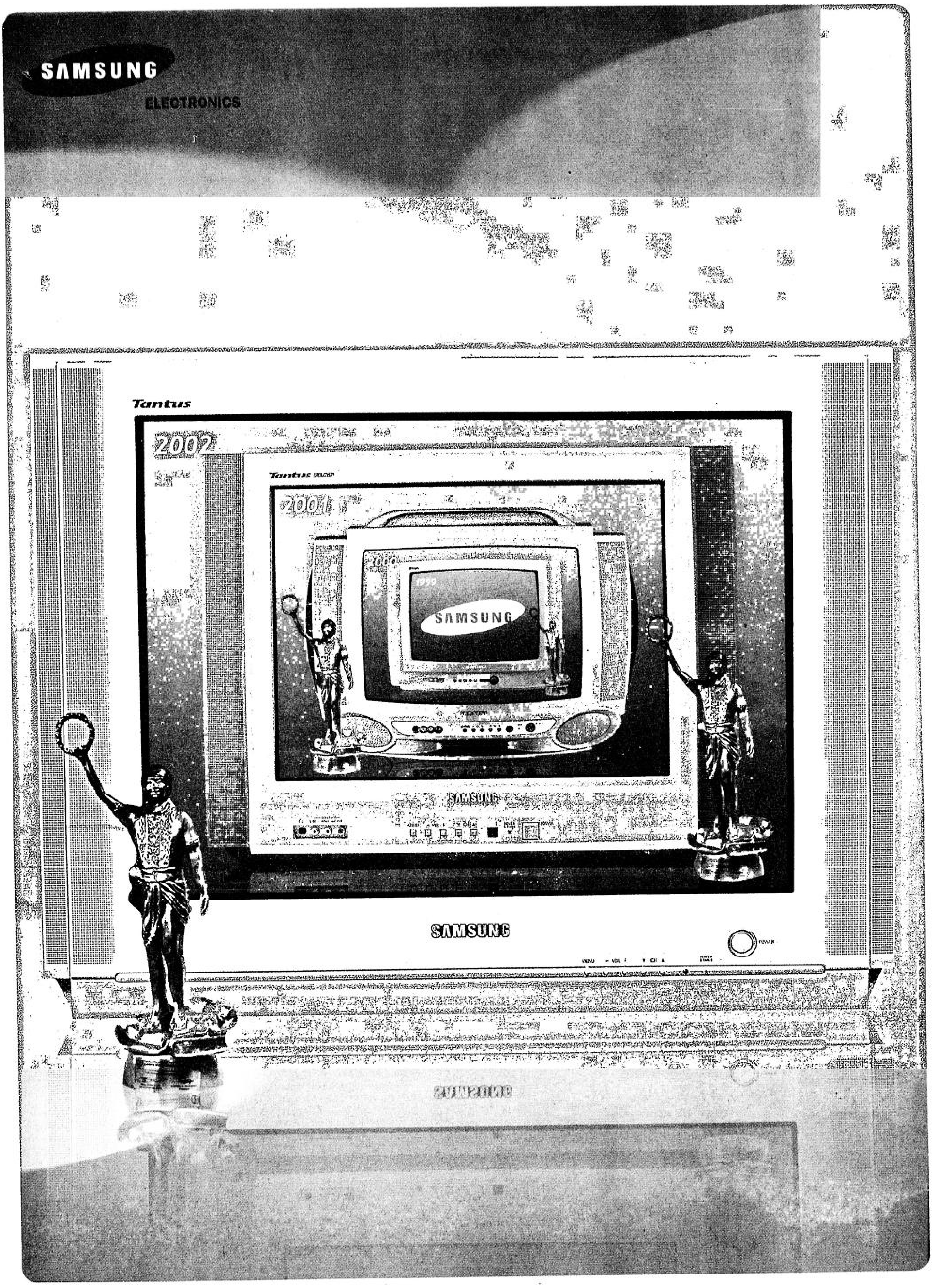

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FORMER Afghan King Mohammad Zahir (right) and interim leader Hamed Karzai discuss a point after a press conference at the former king's residence in Kabul June 10. Zahir said he was not a candidate for president in the delayed Loya Jirga tribal assembly. REUTERS

# Ex-Afghan king clears way for Karzai ; Loya Jirga finally begins

KABUL—Afghanistan's Loya Jirga traditional assembly was due to finally begin on Tuesday after a dramatic day of wranglings that forced a 24-hour delay and an announcement from former king Mohammed Zahir Shah that he would not be a candidate for the role of head of state.

The 87-year-old was scheduled to deliver the inaugural speech at about 3:00 pm (6:30 p.m. in Manila) with a call for unity among the war-torn nation before delegates began the task of selecting a new transitional government.

It was not clear if there would be time to vote in the head of state on Tuesday after the speech by Zahir Shah and addresses expected from the head of the Loya Jirga Commission, Mohammed Ismail Qasimyar, and interim leader Hamid Karzai.

Delegates were also due to elect an assembly chairman and his deputies.

Karzai is almost certain to be named head of state after Zahir Shah's announcement and former president Burhanuddin Rabanni's decision not to run for the post, which he held from 1992-96 until his ouster at the hands of the Taliban.

Zahir Shah was forced into his statement after pressure from the United States which feared that he could scupper Karzai's chances of becoming head of government.

"I am appreciative of the valuable services rendered by Mr. Hamid Karzai, chairman of the interim administration, and fully support his candidacy as head of the transitional administration," he said in the statement delivered by an aide as he sat alongside Karzai in the grounds of his residence.

Karzai then told reporters that the former king would continue in his role as "father of the nation," and he thanked him for his public backing.

It had been thought that much of the deliberations would be stage-managed following heavy horse-trading between the government, powerful regional governors and the commission.

But the mood of the assembly could now be unpredictable with ethnic Pashtuns from the south of the country angered by the apparent humiliation of Zahir Shah.

The ex-king could still be accorded a degree of consolation, with one minister who is close to the former monarch telling AFP that he could be formally given the title of father of the nation.

Zahir Shah's acceptance of the outcome of the Loya Jirga is seen as crucial to its credibility.

It was still unclear exactly how many delegates would have voting rights at the conference. The number was originally set at 1,501 but an extra 50 senior figures were appointed by the commission over the weekend. *AFP*

# Israelis invade Ramallah, seal off Arafat compound

RAMALLAH, West Bank—Israeli army bulldozers used rubble and car wrecks to seal Yasser Arafat's headquarters in Ramallah on Monday after a large-scale invasion of the West Bank city in the latest move to isolate the Palestinian leader.

Scores of tanks earlier rumbled into the city and surrounded the battered compound, sparking clashes in a refugee camp, which killed one Palestinian and forced Arafat to call off the first meeting of his new Cabinet.

"The bulldozers, since the afternoon, have sealed off the entrances to the besieged headquarters, with rubble and the frames of cars flattened by tanks and armored vehicles," the Palestinian leadership said in a statement.

The army confirmed it had sealed off the entries to the compound, saying it was to prevent militants from hiding there.

At least 70 tanks poured into Ramallah early Monday morning, surrounded Arafat's compound and started to comb the city for Palestinian militants. More than two dozen men were arrested, according to the army.

Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben Eliezer told state radio the troops "will stay there (Ramallah) a day or two," but added that the Israelis had no intention of entering Arafat's compound.

The minister said the operation was "in conformity with our decision to go into (Palestinian autonomous zones) each time we have solid information" about a threatened attack on Israeli territory.

He said one of those arrested was the local head of the radical Palestinian group Islamic Jihad, which claimed a suicide bombing on a bus in northern Israel on Wednesday, which killed 17 Israelis.

Arafat was unhurt in Monday's raid, the second time his compound has been surrounded in the past four days following a ferocious six-hour blitz Thursday in a reprisal for the latest suicide bombing.

The United States offered no protest to what was the largest Israeli incursion in weeks.

The raid coincided with a meeting in Washington during the day between US President George W. Bush and Israeli leader Ariel Sharon, who is seeking to dump Arafat from the peace process.

"Our understanding is that the Israeli operation is limited in duration, and it's to go after specific terrorist targets and, given that understanding, the United States has said before Israel has a right to defend itself," said Bush spokesperson Ari Fleischer.

The Palestinian leadership charged Israel was waging "an attack on the legitimate leadership headed by President Yasser Arafat" and had destroyed the military intelligence building inside the compound. *AFP*

# Indonesian maid may face hanging for killing Singapore employer, kid

SINGAPORE—A 22-year-old Indonesian maid appeared in a Singapore court on a double murder charge Tuesday, accused of stabbing her employer and three-year-old daughter and setting fire to their room.

Sundarti Supriyanto faces the death penalty if convicted of the killings.

Firemen found the bodies of Angie Ng, 34, and her daughter Crystal Poh inside a blazing office two weeks ago while Sundarti was outside "screaming hysterically" and clutching Ng's 18-month-old son Leon, local media reported.

The maid and baby both had burns to their faces.

Sundarti, said to have been working for Ng for just two weeks before the fire, was arrested Monday after being discharged from a hospital burns unit.

A surveillance camera at a nearby service station had filmed Sundarti buying a can of petrol a few hours before the fire erupted.

Ng, whose husband Drake Poh was in Burma on business when the murders happened, was described by friends as a workaholic who would often have her children and maid with her if she stayed late at her office.

There are about 140,000 foreign domestic workers, mostly from Indonesia, the Philippines and Sri Lanka, employed in wealthy Singapore. *AFP*

# Powell sets conditions on US-Nokor talks

NEW YORK—US Secretary of State Colin Powell said on Monday that the United States expects to hold meetings with Pyongyang to move toward normalizing relations with North Korea, but not before a list of conditions are met.

"Working with South Korea and Japan, the United States is prepared to take important steps to help North Korea move its relations with us toward normalcy," Powell said in a speech to the Asia Society Annual Dinner.

"We expect soon to have meetings with the North Koreans to explore these steps. However, progress between us will depend on Pyongyang's behavior on a number of key issues."

Powell said North Korea had to "get out of the proliferation business and eliminate long-range missiles that threaten other countries. It must take itself off the preferred supplier list for rogue states.

"Secondly it must make a more serious effort to provide for its suffering citizens," said Powell, noting the United States continued to be the biggest donor of humanitarian assistance to North Korea, having last week authorized a further donation 102,000 metric tons of food aid to the Communist state.

Powell added that the United States wants to see "greatly improved monitoring and access" to the food aid "to make sure the food actually gets into hungry mouths."

Powell said North Korea also must move toward a less threatening conventional military posture. "We're watching closely to see if Pyongyang will live up to its past pledges to implement basic confidence-building measures with the South.

"And finally, North Korea must have full compliance with the International Atomic Energy Agency's safeguards that it agreed to when it signed the nuclear nonproliferation treaty," said Powell, noting Pyongyang had said it would freeze and ultimately dismantle dangerous old nuclear reactors in exchange for safer light-water reactors. *Reuters*

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# Pangilinan defies First Pacific owners

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meeting of property developer Metro Pacific Corp., defying an order by First Pacific, a company that he had built into one of Asia's biggest conglomerates.

"I voted on my shares, contrary to media reports," Pangilinan said, referring to reports that First Pacific had barred him from voting on company matters.

Pangilinan is chair of both First Pacific and Metro Pacific. First Pacific owns an 80.6-percent stake in Metro Pacific.

On the agenda were the approval of the annual report and financial statements for 2001, and the election of company directors.

The takeover deal by the Gokongwei family for an equity interest in Bonifacio Land Corp. was not on the agenda of the shareholders' meeting.

## Quarantine

First Pacific has been trying to "quarantine" Pangilinan following reports that he is preparing a management-aided buyout to block the Gokongwei family's entry into Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. and Metro Pacific.

On June 4, First Pacific relinquished control of PLDT and Metro Pacific's stake in Bonifacio Land to a joint venture it was forming with the Gokongwei group.

The Gokongwei group agreed to shell out $616.6 million to control two-thirds of this joint venture. First Pacific will own the rest.

Under the deal, the joint venture will own a controlling 24.4-percent stake in PLDT valued at $925 million and 50.4 percent of Bonifacio Land.

Pangilinan—the architect behind First Pacific's entry into PLDT and the ambitious Fort Bonifacio development project—has reportedly teamed up with PLDT chair Antonio Cojuangco Jr. for a management-aided buyout of First Pacific's stakes in PLDT and Bonifacio Land.

Pangilinan has been reportedly trying to convince Japan's Nippon Telegraph and Telephone to exercise its right-of-first-refusal and derail the First Pacific-Gokongwei deal.

NTT has the second-biggest stake in PLDT at 15 percent.

Pangilinan was also said to have enlisted the support of Metropolitan Bank and Trust Co. chair George Ty, whose financial muscle rivals that of Gokongwei's.

Ty's group has $3 billion in liquid assets that could provide Pangilinan with the financial muscle to better Gokongwei's offer.

## Conflict of interest

First Pacific earlier stripped Pangilinan of his right to vote on matters related to the two companies.

The company said in a letter to Pangilinan that he had a conflict of interest because he was holding top posts in First Pacific, PLDT and Metro Pacific.

First Pacific spokesperson Rebecca Brown said the firm sent a letter to Pangilinan, stressing that he could not vote on PLDT and Metro Pacific matters.

"The letter merely reflects the consensus of First Pacific's board of directors, including Manny, in that proper corporate governance procedures need to be observed in order to avoid any potential conflicts," Brown said.

"This conflict of interest is inherent in the fact that Pangilinan has a dual role as executive chairman of First Pacific and as a director and president of PLDT. It's in no way intended to exclude, isolate in any fashion other, than as a result of standard corporate action," she said.

Pangilinan was also required to divulge whether he was involved or was considering participating in a management buyout of either PLDT or Metro Pacific and was restricted from gaining access to confidential information.

## Building an empire

Pangilinan, touted to be among the highest paid executives in the region, is widely credited for building First Pacific's business empire through corporate takeovers.

The former investment banker made it big after he met Liem Sioe Liong, patriarch of the ethnic Chinese Salim family.

The Salim group gave Pangilinan its confidence, trusting him with million-dollar decisions that transformed First Pacific from a lowly finance company in 1981 to a dynamic conglomerate which, at its peak in the late 1990s, constantly bought and sold huge assets.

Before the turn of the new millennium, Pangilinan, called a visionary and workaholic by his colleagues, steered First Pacific toward core businesses—telecommunications, property, trading, and later food—a shift that heavily exposed it to the Philippines, home to over 70 percent of its investments.

While his tenure may be coming to an end, no one doubts his contribution to the Philippines telecommunications industry.

## Not concluded

In yesterday's stockholders' meetings of PLDT and Metro Pacific, Pangilinan himself questioned First Pacific's deal with the Gokongwei group.

"The transaction has not been concluded as far as I know and, indeed, numerous issues have to be resolved before it can be finalized," Pangilinan said.

"In the meantime, let me assure you that we are not distracted by this development," he said on behalf of the PLDT board and management.

He said the management team remained "committed to ensuring we will do our best for all the shareholders."

No other statements were made about the possible entry of the Gokongwei-led joint venture with Hong Kong's First Pacific into PLDT, but Pangilinan told stockholders: "I will see all of you again next year."

At least 200 PLDT employees held a rally outside the hotel at the Makati financial district where the meeting took place to support the Pangilinan management.

The PLDT board last week said it was opposed to plans to take over PLDT, saying it would be "prejudicial and detrimental to the financial interest" of the firm.

"PLDT is mandated to protect itself from direct or indirect competing and antagonistic interests," the board said in a statement last week.

## Buying time

Reacting to challenges to its deal with the Gokongwei group, First Pacific is reportedly buying time to neutralize Japan's NTT.

Sources said First Pacific's position was that the 20-day period within which NTT could exercise its right-of-first-refusal had yet to start, as First Pacific had yet to inform NTT of the deal.

One analyst said First Pacific was trying to buy time so it could open negotiations with NTT and convince the Japanese firm to approve the Gokongwei group's entry into PLDT.

Sources in Hong Kong said First Pacific and NTT would meet in the next few days upon the request of the Salim family.

NTT reminded First Pacific last week that it had not waived its preemptive rights.

While NTT has threatened to use its blocking rights, however, it has yet to commit any funding to a Pangilinan-led management buyout.

Analysts say this delaying tactic might also work in favor of the anti-Gokongwei camp, as it will give them more time to come up with a counteroffer.

The Gokongweis have said they are willing to drop their takeover bid if the opposition raises over $1 billion to match their deal with First Pacific.

One source from the Gokongwei camp said it would rather pour its money in its telecommunications arm, Digital Telecommunications (Philippines) Inc., rather than engage in a bidding war.

## Still studying

Cojuangco said the PLDT management was still studying the matter of a management-aided buyout.

"We're getting very close," he said.

Asked if NTT had already thrown its support behind the counter-offer that Pangilinan's camp was cooking, he replied: "They don't even know what's happening. There's no offer yet."

NTT's representative to the PLDT board and PLDT's chief operating adviser, Taketo Suzuki, said in a separate interview that the Japanese company would not comment on the counter-offer as it was still just a "private transaction."

He clarified, however, that he was only speaking in his capacity as a PLDT board member.

As for the Japanese telecommunications firm's right to veto the First Pacific-Gokongwei deal, Suzuki said there were options other than the exercise of NTT's veto power to prevent Gokongwei from coming into PLDT.

"According to my understanding, that (exercise of veto power) is not the only solution. PLDT itself has bylaws, (which states) that no competitor (can sit) on the board and so many other things. NTT is not the only solution," he said.

"To veto or not is up to NTT to decide at this moment, but I haven't heard NTT make a decision yet," he added. ***With reports from Reuters and AFP***

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# GMA to raise flag in Basilan

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the significance of the President celebrating Independence Day in Basilan.

"Yes, there is also a significance (in the President's being in Basilan today), but what's important is the overall significance of Independence Day," Afable said.

Today marks the 40th year Independence Day has been celebrated on June 12, instead of July 4. The decision to move the date was made by President Diosdado Macapagal in 1962. Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo declared independence from Spain in 1898.

The simultaneous flag-raising rites will take place in Barasoain Church in Malolos, Bulacan; Aguinaldo Shrine in Kawit, Cavite; Bonifacio Monument in Kalookan City; and the Pinaglabanan Shrine in San Juan, Metro Manila.

From Basilan, the President will fly back to Malacañang for the traditional vin d'honneur with the diplomatic corps at 11 a.m.

The President will deliver her speech at the Quirino Grandstand at 3 p.m., before the start of a three-hour civic-military parade.

The parade will feature more than 9,000 government employees marching to the beat of more than 40 bands, and more than 40 floats depicting the themes and aspirations of various government agencies.

The parade's finale, a float from the Department of Tourism, will kick-off the country's international tourism blitz "Visit the Philippines in 2003," a tourism official said.

"It's a big celebration, bigger than all the previous Independence Day celebrations," Assistant Tourism Director Jose Rodrigo Francisco told INQ7.net, the online joint venture of GMA-7 and the INQUIRER.

"There will be floats coming from Cotabato, Bohol, Bulacan. Had the Abu Sayyaf problem been licked, maybe we could even have one float from Basilan," Francisco also said, adding that some floats were still "being assembled and constructed" at a warehouse in Del Pan, Manila as of Tuesday afternoon. He expects the work to continue until noontime on Wednesday.

Francisco said all the 21 departments would have a float each, followed by a band and a marching contingent consisting of at least 200 employees. "Some agencies have said they have 400, others have submitted a list of 800, so it's a huge parade," he said.

The Department of National Defense (DND), which oversees the Armed Forces and the Department of Interior and Local Government, which has the Philippine National Police under it, are expected to send at least a thousand employees each.

The DND and the DILG will also show off its tanks, cannons, fire trucks and mobile clinics.

Francisco said the regional offices of the Department of Tourism (DOT), the lead agency that planned the celebration, volunteered to send more floats after President Macapagal said she wanted "to see more floats" on June 12.

"There was a survey and the finding was that the ordinary people want to see more floats, so Ms Macapagal said there should be more floats," he also said. Civic and business groups, like the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, are also expected to sponsor floats as they have done in past years.

A marching band competition will cap the civic military parade, followed by a fireworks display and a free concert at the Quirino Grandstand sponsored by GMA-7.

The President earlier ordered the release of P10 million to fund the 104th Independence Day rites. ***With a report from Fe Zamora, INQ7.net***

# Townsfolk give GMA icy welcome

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fully received by Yap's four children and mother, but many residents here felt that the government and the military were responsible for the hostages' deaths.

Asked about last week's rescue attempt, parish priest Fr. Cirilo Nacorda pointed to Yap's coffin and said: "How can you call it successful? What is their measure? It took more than a year, and then this."

## National heroine

The President paid tribute to Yap, saying she was not only the heroine of Isabela but of the whole country.

"Up to the end, she did her duty as a nurse. This is a sign of the good ethics of the people of Lamitan," she said.

She informed the family that the Lamitan District Hospital would be renamed the Ediborah Yap District Hospital in honor of the slain nurse's heroism and bravery.

Yap's family welcomed the announcement but indicated it would rather that the Abu Sayyaf bandits be brought to justice.

While chatting with Ediborah's relatives, the Pamarans, the President said she had discovered that Ediborah was her maternal blood relative.

She found out that the Pamarans were related to the relatives of her mother, Evangelina Macaraeg, in Manukan, Zamboanga del Norte.

Ms Macapagal presented a birthday cake to Lawrence William, Ediborah's youngest son, who was celebrating his birthday yesterday.

## Justice for Ediborah

Inside the church where Yap's body lay, more banners told of the residents' real sentiments.

"Truth must prevail, so there will be justice for all Lamiteños," read one banner.

"Madame President, we need justice for Ediborah Yap," read another.

Zorais Andong, Yap's fellow nurse at the Jose Torres Hospital here, accused the government of not exerting enough effort for the hostages.

"We feel that the abuse she (Ediborah) endured was too much. She suffered so greatly for one year, only to die. You can't blame the people if they feel the government is partly responsible," she said.

"(There should be) justice for the victims. We want the Abu Sayyaf wiped out. We feel there was collusion with the military. We want the truth to come out," she added.

The Abu Sayyaf in June 2001 laid siege to the St. Peter's Church compound and the nearby Jose Torres Memorial Hospital and seized dozens of local residents, including Yap, a nurse at the hospital.

Days earlier, the bandits snatched 20 tourists, including the Burnhams, from the Dos Palmas Resort in Palawan and taken them to Basilan island.

Most of the captives were murdered or freed allegedly after ransom payments, leaving behind Yap and the Burnham couple in captivity until Friday, when the military mounted a bloody rescue attempt.

Yap and Martin Burnham were killed in the attempt, but Burnham's wife, Gracia, was rescued.

Residents of the town have accused the military of allowing the gunmen to escape despite being cornered inside the hospital compound last year, allegedly in exchange for a share of the ransom.

The claim has been repeatedly denied by the military leadership, but it triggered a congressional probe and wide public condemnation of the Armed Forces.

Residents said that had the Abu Sayyaf bandits been crushed then, Yap and the other hostages would have been rescued and further violence and bloodshed averted.

"If she wants to clear the name of the military, it (Lamitan siege) should be investigated," said Fr. Nacorda, who survived last year's siege.

"I don't say that all the soldiers are bad, but there's something wrong," he said.

Salazar Tani, Yap's relative, said he was not impressed with Ms Macapagal's promise to crush the bandits, stressing that government had defended the military from charges of collusion with the Abu Sayyaf during last year's siege.

"A lot of people are saying, we will have one more broken promise," he said.

The Cafgu guide who helped the Scout Rangers locate the Abu Sayyaf bandits in Friday's operation will be formally drafted into the Armed Forces, Ms Macapagal said in Zamboanga City.

Alejandro Ebo, who was wounded along with six soldiers, received the news from the President herself.

Ebo earlier told AFP Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Roy Cimatu that he had dreamed of becoming a real soldier for the past 18 years.

"My dreams are now fulfilled," he said.

Ms Macapagal said Bernardo Reseroni and his son Edwin would also receive cash rewards.

It was Bernardo who tipped the military about his son's abduction by the Abu Sayyaf and the discovery of his slippers and ballpen, along with the footprints that led the troops to where the bandits were.

"I think he (Edwin) deserved some assistance as a hostage, and if there's something we can do to help the father as well, we will help them," Ms Macapagal said.

A nurses' organization has hailed slain hostage Ediborah Yap as the "epitome" of the Filipino nurse who suffers in silence and subsists on a salary of P3,000.

The 30,000-strong Philippine Nurses Association (PNA) has asked the government to accord Yap the "highest honor" by declaring her a national heroine for giving her life for her calling.

"She lived the true spirit of Florence Nightingale, giving health care to all those who needed it, regardless of race, creed, color or political orientation," said Nesie Dionisio, former PNA president.

Nightingale, who lived from 1820 to 1910, is considered the founder of modern nursing for revolutionalizing the care of soldiers during the Crimean War and for improving nursing care after the war.

"We believed in our hearts that Ediborah Yap died with her boots on," Dionisio said. ***AFP with reports from Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau, and Arman N. Nocum, Manila***

# Gracia finally back home in Kansas

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Philippine Scout Rangers and the kidnappers.

"It's good to be home. Keep praying for my kids and me as we begin to rebuild our lives," said Burnham, 43, who was shot in the right leg during the rescue operation.

Her 42-year-old husband, Martin, and a Filipino hostage—Ediborah Yap—were killed during the two-hour shootout.

Sitting in a wheelchair with her wounded leg propped up on a pillow, Burnham was greeted first by her youngest child, 11-year-old Zach, who embraced her.

She then hugged her other children, 15-year-old Jeff and 12-year-old Mindy, along with other relatives.

The three children have been living in Rose Hill at the home of Martin Burnham's parents, Paul and Oreta Burnham.

"A very bad thing happened to Martin and I when we were taken," she said.

"Please know that God was good to us every single day of our captivity. Martin was a source of strength to all the hostages. He was a good man and he died well."

After a three-hour trip by chartered bus, the family arrived late Monday in Rose Hill, a small town 24 km from Wichita.

Hundreds lined the main street in welcome, clapping and singing "God Bless America."

Burnham waved to the crowd before going inside.

"It's wonderful to see her home with the family," said an uncle, John Burnham, who videotaped the reunion alongside his wife Melba, who was crying.

Both sported yellow ribbons in their lapels that had come to symbolize the couple's plight.

"Today is a day to rejoice with Gracia," sister-in-law Teresa Burnham said before the rest of the family arrived. "We will deal with the loss of Martin, but not today."

Martin Burnham's body had been flown to a US military base in Japan. A memorial service for him was scheduled for Friday in Wichita, Kansas.

Gracia Burnham later talked briefly to reporters, saying she supported US efforts to assist the Philippines in fighting the Abu Sayyaf bandits.

The Burnhams, who had worked as missionaries in the Philippines since 1986, were kidnapped in May 2001 from the Dos Palmas Resort in Palawan as they celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary.

The bandits held the couple for a year and 11 days in what became the Philippines' longest hostage saga involving foreigners.

The couple worked in the predominantly Catholic country for the Florida-based New Tribes Mission. Martin was a pilot, flying supplies and fellow missionaries, while Gracia handled radio communications.

The United States has linked the Abu Sayyaf to Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida network, alleged masterminds of the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington.

Regarded as the most ruthless of the Moro separatist groups in the Philippines, the Abu Sayyaf claims to fight for an Islamic state but pursues kidnap for ransom as its main activity. ***Reports by AP and Reuters***

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## Solons seek return of DAR exec

**By Alex V. Pal**
*PDI Visayas Bureau*

**DUMAGUETE CITY—Fourteen congressmen from Central Visayas have petitioned Agrarian Reform Secretary Hernani Braganza to reassign Regional Adjudicator Arnold Arrieta back to Region 7.**

"After a thorough study of his 12 years of service in our region, we, members of the House of Representatives of Region 7 request the reassignment of (Arrieta) as regional adjudicator for Region 7," said the petition.

Among those who signed the petition dated May 27 were Negros Oriental Reps. Herminio Teves, Emilio Macias II and Jacinto Paras and Bohol Reps. Roberto Cajes, Edgar Chato and Eladio Jala.

Cebu Reps. Raul del Mar, Antonio Cuenco, Jose Gullas, Antonio Yapha Jr., Simeon Kintanar, Clavel Martinez, and Nerissa Corazon Soon-Ruiz were also signatories to the petition.

Rep. Orlando Fua of Siquijor also affixed his signature to the petition, even if no single piece of land in his province is covered by the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

Braganza had relieved Arrieta of his post in March as Central Visayas Adjudicator of the Department of Agrarian Reform Adjudication Board (Darab) and ordered him transferred to the DAR central office.

Arrieta said he believed his reassignment was a result of the efforts of the non-government organizations (NGOs) that were calling for his ouster.

"I signed the petition because Arrieta is from our place and I have not been shown that he has done something wrong," said Macias.

He said Arrieta seemed to have good rapport with members of Congress. Nobody among the Central Visayas congressmen objected to his retention, he added.

Macias said he could not remember who initiated the petition but was certain that it did not come from any of the Negros Oriental congressmen.

He assured the NGOs that petition for Arrieta's ouster that he would personally bring up with the DAR official their complaints because he could easily talk to Arrieta.

Macias does not have a landholding covered by the CARP.

But Teves has a pending case against 13 claimants of his 33-hectare land in Barangay Caranoche in Bayawan City, some 100 kilometers south of here.

But the congressman explained he signed the petition because Arrieta had been protecting the interests of both the beneficiaries and the landowner.

"Records will show that Arrieta has done no anomaly," he pointed out.

Teves said his signature was not expected to influence the decision on his case against the land claimants because "Arrieta will be out of this already. The case is going to court."

BRAGANZA

## CARP beneficiaries only own land on paper, says NGO

DAVAO CITY—Due to lack of proper support by the government, legitimate beneficiaries (ARBs) of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) have ended up owning their lands on paper only.

Soledad Reyes, executive director of the Mindanao Farmworkers Development Center here, said the lack of government support have forced farmers to sign leaseback agreement with landowners, which effectively reverted their status into that of a tenant.

Reyes said under the leaseback scheme, which is called Agribusiness Venture Agreements (AVAs), landowners and their companies retain the right to manage the land.

"The farmers may own the land but they turn over their titles to the management and these are stored in the firm's vault," Reyes said.

A study showed that there are 11 commercial farms that have existing AVA contracts with ARBs in Davao City alone.

There are 16 in Davao del Norte, two in Compostela Valley and seven in Davao del Sur.

Reyes named Dole-Stanfilco, Tagum Development Corp. (Tadeco), and Marsman Development as among the companies with standing leaseback agreements ARBs.

She said the Department of Agrarian Reform has failed to give technical support and training to ARBs so they could manage their lands.

"Without the necessary support, the beneficiary has no other option but to sign agreements advantageous to the landowners," Berayo told reporters here.

Harold Berayo, chair of Davao Fruits Corporation Employees-Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Association Inc. (DAFCEARBAI), said the government in general could be blamed for the failure of the agrarian reform.

As this developed, ARBs have asked the government to review AVAs held by the country's agricultural production industries.

The Mindanao Caucus for Commercial Farms (MCCF) said most of these AVAS are advantageous only to the companies concerned.

The types of venture agreements, which MCCF wanted government to review include joint venture, production, processing and marketing agreement, build-operate-transfer schemes, management and service contracts, lease contracts and the combined or phased arrangement. ***Ayan Mellejor, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

### *Erratum*

THE INQUIRER apologizes for publishing on June 3 a story that had been erroneously attributed to its Mindanao bureau correspondent Anthony Allada.

The story about the Diwalwal mines was Jowel Canuday's of the Mindanews.

Allada explained that he "unintentionally forwarded" Canuday's story by e-mail to the bureau. Allada said it was his practice to visit the website of the Davao City-based daily Mindanao Times and save stories that he finds useful in his coverage.

## ROUNDUP

### 2 girls killed

ATIMONAN, Quezon—A teenage girl and her three-year-old sister were shot and killed when an uncle shot at their house last Friday in Barangay Caridad here. Police identified the victims as Maryjane, 13, and her sister Claudine, 3, both surnamed Divina. Witnesses told the police that Ireneo Jagueta, 28, accompanied by two men, went to the victims' house and challenged Norberto Divina, the girls' father, to a fight. When Divina ignored the challenge, the suspect, a brother of the victims' mother, repeatedly fired his gun at the house hitting the two girls. The victims were pronounced dead on arrival at a hospital here.

***Delfin Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

### Suspected killer yields

ROXAS CITY—The suspect in the killing of a teenaged girl here surrendered on June 7 to the Regional Trial Court judge handling his case. Carlito Dolfo, 38, of Arnaldo Boulevard here, said he wanted to clear his name and prove his innocence. Dolfo claimed he had been working in Manila since January. Dolfo and two others were slapped with murder charges before Judge Manuel Barrios for allegedly killing Charibelle Lobo, a sophomore-nursing student. A lone witness tagged him and his two unidentified companions as the one who killed Lobo on Jan. 12.

***Gerry Pagharion, PDI Visayas Bureau***

### Pestaño Sr., 60

ROXAS CITY—Alberto Pestaño Sr., manager of the Metro Roxas Water District (MRWD) died of cardiac arrest in a hospital in Iloilo. He was 60. He is survived by his wife Salvacion and his four children. His remains lie at the family residence at Malipayon Village here. His burial is set on June 15 at the Roxas City public cemetery.

***Gerry Pagharion, PDI Visayas Bureau***

### Cosico, 55

SAN PABLO CITY—Msgr. Renato Cosico, chancellor of the San Pablo Diocese, died of heart attack on Sunday. Cosico, who was also parish priest of Pila, Laguna at the time of his death, is survived by his two Canossian nun-sisters, brothers, nephews and other relatives. His remains lie at the Canossa College chapel here. The funeral Mass, to be presided by Bishop Francisco San Diego and concelebrated by about 100 clergy, will take place at about 8 a.m. today, at the San Pablo Cathedral Church, here. Interment follows.

***PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

### WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Visayas and Mindanao will experience partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers.

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Compiled by: Ray Leyesa, PDI Research/06/12/02

## Batangas fish kill due to red tide?

BAUAN, Batangas—Thousands of coral fishes were found floating in the waters off Ligpo Island near the coast of this town up to the seas of San Luis town and the Balayan Bay area on Friday, according to the provincial government environmental and natural resources office (PGENRO).

The water in the offshore and coastline areas have also shown yellowish to reddish brown discoloration due to the algal bloom that extends from Barangay Anilao in Mabini and Barangay Locloc in Bauan to San Luis and Lemery towns and the entire Balayan Bay.

Marine biologists who swam in the areas to collect water samples for analysis have reported skin rashes.

PGENRO head Evelyn Estigoy said the discoloration of the waters due to the algal bloom, the change in temperature and the skin rashes that marine biologists got from swimming in the area, show early signs of red tide.

Results of the water analysis of the PGENRO, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), the University of the Philippines Marine Science Institute (MRI) and the Coral Cay International revealed *phytoplankton gymnodimium* species composition at 80 percent. The normal level is 50 percent.

Four fishermen in the Anilao area, who requested anonymity, said they have observed two ships stop for a while somewhere in Anilao and seemed to have released water.

Estigoy said the Coast Guard is still investigating the presence of the two ships in the red tide area. ***Mei Magsino, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

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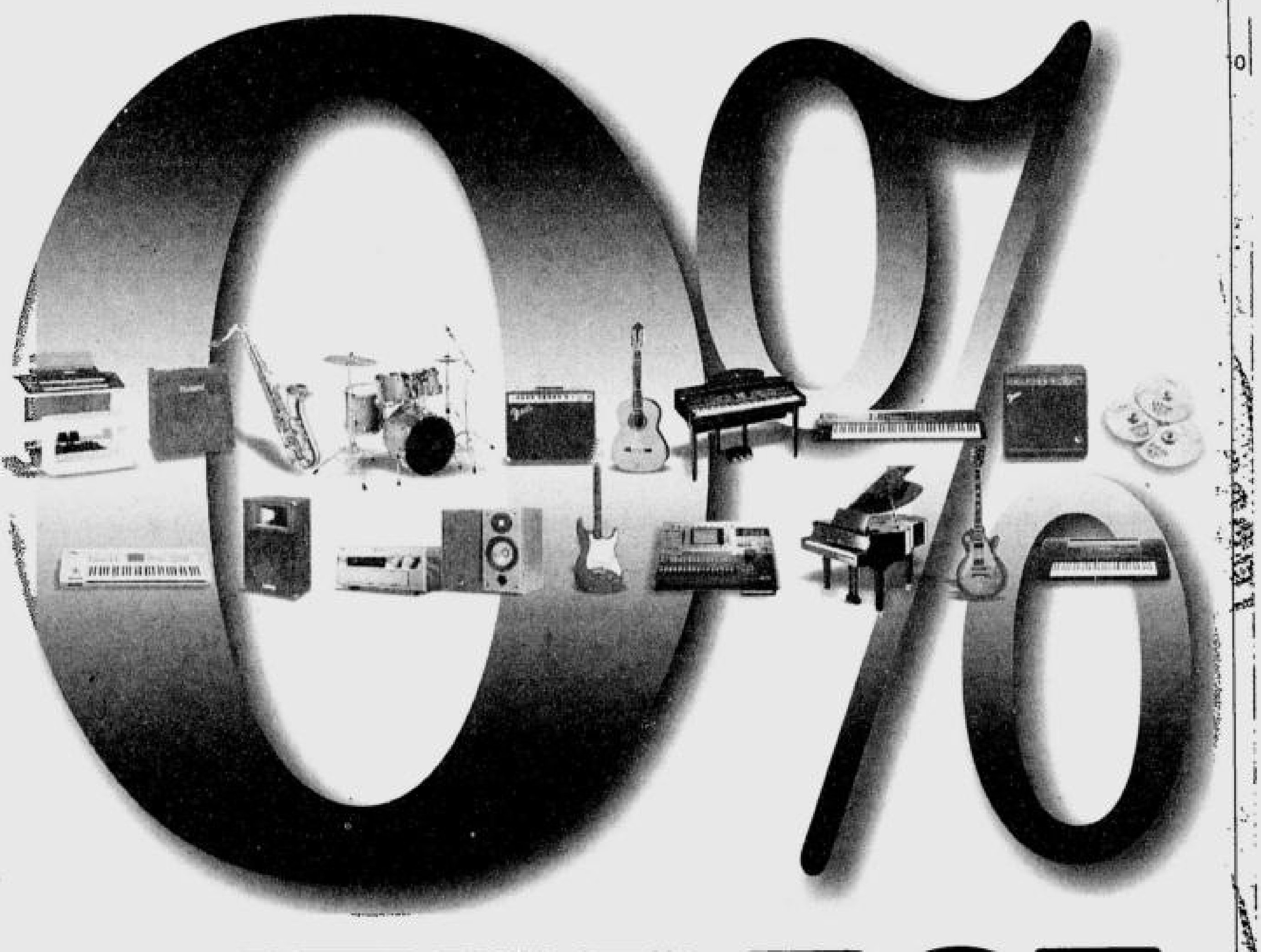

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# Sta. Juliana: Tarlac's gateway to volcano

**By Jo Clemente**
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**MT. Pinatubo has a way of bringing back what it took from its people. For residents of Barangay Sta. Juliana in Capas, Tarlac, it is literally gathering what the volcano spewed on them so they would have something to rebuild their lives on.**

Seen from another plane, Pinatubo's aftermath gave them an opportunity to discover their individual potentials and with it, a painful yet evolving sense of community.

No resident in Sta. Juliana owns a piece of land as the village is part of the 17,000 hectares of reverted base land now under military reservation. But the village is nonetheless home to more than 3,000 people, a big number of whom belong to either the Abelling or Ungey tribes of the indigenous group called the Aetas.

Before Pinatubo erupted on June 12, 1991, the indigenous group hardly integrated with the rest of the village, living by themselves in the far reaches of the mountain. Ashfall and other debris covered their lair and drove them into the village.

At the evacuation centers, the distinction between the Abellings and the Ungeys, and between the indigenous and non-indigenous groups blurred as all suffered from devastation.

Eleven years after, the groups were able to re-establish their corners in the village, but unlike before, they now interact, their children play together and there is even inter-marriages.

### Good lead

No one really knows who took the first trek to the crater of Pinatubo through Sta. Juliana. But whoever it was, his was a good lead.

In April 2000 or nine years after the eruption, the barangay council took note of the steady stream of foreign and local tourists coming to their place en route to the upper reaches of the O'Donnel River and up the crater of Pinatubo.

An investigation was made and in no time, Sta. Juliana earned the description "Gateway to Mt. Pinatubo." The village is 21 km from Capas' town center. Capas is 129 km north of Manila.

Since then, Sta. Juliana's life as a community has changed, and at its core is the volcano and the tourism activities it brought them. This is perhaps its way of giving back what it took from the people.

Government intervention was through the Department of Tourism office in Central Luzon, which encouraged the villagers to organize themselves into the Barangay Sta. Juliana Tourism Council and oriented them about their natural environment and eco-tourism.

In time, sub-groups were formed such as those of guides and porters. The DOT, for its part, established a visitor center and it is now being managed and operated by the council itself.

Those manning the center are basically Sta. Juliana's womenfolk like Leony, Adela, Julie, Norma and Lourdes.

They handle visitors' registration, cook for them, arrange for vehicles, porters and guides, and do administrative work and other errands.

The council earns from conservation fees and donations.

A team of porters and trained guides, most of them from the tribal groups, has been organized to accompany the trekkers. The group elects a leader as representative to the barangay tourism council.

A guide's service fee is P500 for a team of five people per day. During lean months, the guides take turns in working to spread the income.

The Sta. Juliana project has since won three international awards. It was also included by the World Tourism Organization in the "Compendium of Best Sustainable Tourism Practices in the World," giving honor to the villagers. This act also placed Sta. Juliana and Pinatubo on the world tourism map.

Aside from bringing tourists to the crater, Pinatubo has given Sta. Juliana folk another means to eke out a living.

They gather stones (pumice) and sell them at P3-P5 a sack to Manila and local traders. The stones, in turn, are sold to garments firms for their stone washed denim pants.

THE CHILDREN of Barangay Sta. Juliana in Capas, Tarlac. JO CLEMENTE

# Aetas in Mt. Pinatubo still struggle for land

*WHAT have really become of the Aetas on the Pampanga and Tarlac flanks of Mt. Pinatubo after the volcano violently heaved back to life 11 years ago today? A Kapampangan historian and two French geographers saw constant displacements even after the June 1991 eruptions ended. The Aetas, they found, have been on a "search for new territories so essential for their survival and for the preservation of their identity."*

**By Tonette Orejas**
*Bamban, Tarlac*

**THESE days, the Pasig River in Pampanga and the Sacobia River in Tarlac bulge with ash, sand, mud and pumice stones. Belched out by the 1991 eruptions of Mt. Pinatubo and washed by rains from the slopes, these sediments constantly budge, always finding low ground, claiming villages and altering territories.**

Upstream, Mother Nature has revived the watersheds, feeding the rivers with water that make the gray terrain all the more impermanent.

Dikes confine the sediments, giving some sense of safety.

Which is temporary, said Rico Vergara, an Aeta pastor from the United Methodist Church. Strong rains, he said, unveil the danger.

To Vergara, the river and the rains are constant elements in the lives of the Aetas, the only indigenous tribe in the Philippines that have experienced and survived the cataclysmic eruptions of Pinatubo.

Mt. Pinatubo

11 YEARS *After*

Although scattered by that upheaval, he said the people have not ventured too far away from the rivers or from the streams.

These, he added, are the established paths to the volcano, the reference point to their ancestral domain, the spiritual abode to many Aetas who continue to believe in the mountain deity Apo Namalyari.

### Sense of attachment

The Aetas of San Martin in Bamban, a mountainous town ringed by the Sacobia River on the east, have not lost that sense of attachment.

But they do not exactly live on the same land they used to occupy before the eruptions, Vergara noted. The village of San Martin was reestablished on a vacant frontier.

And like the river that constantly meanders, there's another constant reality that Aetas of San Martin have to deal with. It is one that they detest silently. The *ipil-ipil* trees that grow in their land are not free for the taking, or exactly, for charcoal making.

The state-owned Clark Development Corp., which is claiming portions of Bamban as government reservation, has stopped tribe members from cutting the trees.

Defending his people, Vergara said the practice was not environmentally harmful since second-growth trees are spared. Some 70 families there live on charcoal making in between farming, fishing and hunting.

"We were not the ones who logged the area. Lowlanders did in the 1940s," he said, recalling the stories of his elders.

There's a more fearful thought hounding the San Martin Aetas. The CDC is reclaiming the land for Clark's Sacobia sub-zone agri-industrial plan.

The plight of the Aetas gives a glimpse of the predicament of those living uphill of the Pasig and Sacobia in post-eruption years, according to Prof. Lino Dizon of the Tarlac State University, Dr. Jean-Christophe Gaillard of the University of Savoie and Dr. Frederic Leone of the University of French Indies and Guyana.

Several villages along the 200 square kilometers of the two rivers are in a similar situation, they said in their study, "The Territorial Implications of the Mount Pinatubo Eruption for some Aeta Indigenous Communities."

### Dismemberment

After the marathon of evacuations that fragmented families and communities, the creation of urban-designed resettlement sites within the same abode made the Aetas "suffer the more crucial effects of dismemberment," they said.

The Aetas from the Pasig and Sacobia river basins were moved by the now defunct Mount Pinatubo Commission to Villa Maria in Pampanga and to Kalangitan, Dueg and Maynang in Tarlac.

The quest for land was, according to the researchers, the "motor for spatial mobility."

"Neither the evacuation centers nor the resettlement sites, in reality, can offer this vital space needed by the Aetas. Indeed, land suitable for cultivation around resettlement centers remains limited," they said.

Whatever land is available has already tilled or claimed by the *unat* or lowlanders who have explored the frontiers after decades of agrarian unrest in the Central Luzon plains.

Many have returned to their original villages, restarting agriculture despite the harsh environmental conditions.

The study observed that "other *kulot* (another reference to the Aetas) maintain residences in resettlement centers and synchronously tend their fields in the proximity of their former villages. This practice is very prevalent in Villa Maria. It is now also being practiced in Maynang and Planas, inducing daily or weekly shuttles to and from their original villages."

"The main reason being cited by the Aetas in maintaining their dwellings within resettlement areas is for the education of their children," the study noted.

Dizon, Gaillard and Leone said the government's resettlement program has failed because it has yet to provide their demand for land suitable for tilling traditional crops.

"The dissolution of the (MPC) reflects this misguided priority of the government. And this misdirection is also evident in the MPC's huge investment in building massive infrastructures (notably, sanitary installations and water faucets) that were never functional since there was no running water in the first place. Most of these are now dilapidated," they noted.

"Statistically, almost all the *kulot* maintain that their quality of life was much better before the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo."

Starvation, which never occurred before the eruptions, is a reality that grips the center. This situation worsens between June and October, the rainy months in the area.

The territorial conflict does not end in the conversion of parts of the ancestral domain as resettlements, which to date are still government-owned.

In the contest for land, the Aetas find themselves against various camps that have other plans for land outside of how the tribe uses it.

A Certificate of Ancestral Domain Claim for 5,515 hectares of land is not a guarantee for the Bamban Aetas in conflict with the CDC.

The Aetas have also strongly opposed the CDC's use of a 100-hectare land parcel for the economic zone's sanitary landfill. The Hermogenez Rodriguez estate is also challenging the claims of the Aetas and the government over the Sacobia area.

Marriage with the Aetas has become a tack for the lowlanders to get chunks of the properties. Decisions to leave or to remain at the resettlements have spurred tensions between and among the tribal members.

Overall, however, the economic and cultural lives of the Aetas have changed. Sufficiency has disappeared, making them easy prey to religious sects that have mushroomed and offered respite from material hunger.

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Ang ating bansa ay dumaranas ng isang matinding Krisis.
(Our Nations Is In Crisis)

Ang ating mga mamamayan ay patuloy na nagdurusa.
(Our People Are Suffering)

# HUWAG TAYONG MAGING BAHAGI NG SULIRANIN (LET US STOP BEING PART OF THE PROBLEM)

## MAGING BAHAGI TAYO NG KALUTASAN (LET US BE PART OF THE SOLUTION)

## MAGING MABUTING MAMAMAYAN (LET US BE GOOD CITIZENS)

Sa Pamamagitan Ng Pagsasabuhay Ng Mga Pamantayan Na Isinasaad Sa Ating Saligang Batas
(By living The Good Citizenship Values Enshrined in the Constitution)

Pananapalataya - Manalig sa poong maykapal at sundin ang kanyang kalooban
(Faith in God - Be God -fearing and live according to his will.)

Pagkakaisa - Magtulungan at Magbahaginan
(Unity - Work together and share with one another.)

Kabayanihan- Ipaibabaw ang kabutihan ng bayan sa sariling kapakanan
(Patriotism - Place the good of the country above one's own.)

Kasipagan - Magtiyaga sa paghahanapbuhay at iwasan ang katiwalian
(Work - Be diligent and earn an honest living. Do not engage in graft and corruption.)

Pagpapahalaga sa buhay -Igalang at pangalagaan ang buhay at pagkatao ng kapwa
(Respect for Life - Recognize the absolute value of human life and the human dignity of every person. Do not inflict harm on others.)

Pagsunod sa Batas - Sundin ang mga batas panlipunan at makibahagi sa mga programa ng Pamahalaan
(Respect for Law and Government - Obey the laws of the land and support government programs.)

Katotohanan - Maging saksi sa Katotohanan at iwasan ang intriga at paninira
(Truth - Stand up for the truth and avoid intrigue and mudslinging.)

Katarungan - Ipagkaloob ang nararapat sa bawat isa
(Justice - Give everyone their due. Do not oppress or take advantage of anyone.)

Kalayaan - Malayang gampanan ang lahat ng tunkulin
(Freedom - Assert your right to be able to do the right things.)

Pagmamahal - Mahalin ang kapwa hindi lang sa salita kundi sa gawa sa pamamagitan ng pagmamalasakit sa kanilang kapakanan
(Love - Look after the good and welfare of one another.)

Pagkapantay-pantay - Ituring ang lahat bilang kapatid- mga anak ng poong maykapal at ng inang Bayan
(Equality - Treat one another as brothers and sisters being children of one God and one nation)

Kapayapaan - Itaguyod ang pag-uunawaan at iwasan ang karahasan
(Peace - Live and work together in harmony. Avoid violence as a way of settling over disputes.)

Pagmamalasakit sa Kapakanan ng Kapwa - Ipaibabaw ang kapakanan ng kapwa at iwasan ang pagiging makasarili
(Promotion of the Common Good - Put the welfare of the greater number of people over One's own. Do not be greedy and selfish.)

Pagkalinga sa Pamilya at Salinlahi - Masigasig na tuparin ang pananagutan sa pamiliya at pangalagaan ang kinabukasan ng salinlahi
(Concern for the Family and Future Generations - Look after the welfare of your family and future generations.)

Pangangalaga ng Kalikasan at Kapaligiran - Linisin ang kapaligiran at huwag sirain at lustayin ang kalikasan
(Concern for the Enviroment - Keep your surroundings clean and conserve our natural Resources.)

Order - Respect the human rights of one another and comply with your duties and responsibilities

ANG HAMON SA BAWAT PILIPINO
(THE CHALLENGE OF EVERY FILIPINO)

MAGING MABUTING MAMAMAYAN UPANG UMUNLAD ANG BAYAN
(BE A GOOD CITIZEN AND BUILD A PEACEFULL AND PROGRESSIVE NATION)

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# Sabaya aide captured

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"She said that when they were kidnapped (on May 27, 2001), there were around 100 Abu Sayyaf members. Then there were 30, and then 60, and then 40, and then 20. (In the last operation), they were down to just 14," US Embassy spokesperson Frank Jenista said Monday.

Maj. Gen. Ernesto Carolina, Southern Command chief, said the Abu Sayyaf had been reduced from a peak of 1,200 fighters to just 242. The group's strongholds are the islands of Basilan and Jolo.

### Dogs

The military is turning to dogs to locate the nine Abu Sayyaf bandits, including Sabaya, in Sirawai.

"To help track down the location of the bandit remnants in the vast jungles of Sirawai where they are scattered, several K-9 (units) are being employed by the troops," said retired Maj. Gen. Melchor Rosales, spokesperson for the ongoing operations.

He also announced the deployment of the Special Warfare Group (WSAG) to a second theater of operations in Sulu yesterday.

"Additional troops arrived in Jolo today, the latest batch of troops to be deployed that will see action in the search and destroy operations against the Abu Sayyaf," Rosales said.

He said "riverine troops of the Army's Special Forces and the SWAG elements of the Navy are continuously patrolling the waters in the areas of operation."

To make the military operation easier, Zamboanga del Norte education officials announced that they would put off the opening of classes in Sirawai and Sibuco towns.

Superintendent Shariff Adzhar Sarahadil said classes would be held only after the situation in the two towns normalized.

"It's definite, no classes will be held until the military in the area assures the safety of pupils and teachers," he told the Inquirer.

Local officials had expressed apprehension that the bandits would seize new hostages.

### No deadline

President Macapagal-Arroyo is not giving the soldiers hunting down Abu Sayyaf bandits a deadline.

"Right now we must ensure that Abu Sayyaf members do not escape. That's the most important thing to do." Ms Macapagal said before flying to Basilan.

The President said the government would be unrelenting in its efforts to put a stop to the bandit group's activities.

Ms Macapagal reiterated that the US government helped in the planning of the operation that resulted in the rescue of Gracia Burnham.

"I expressed our appreciation for this specific operation in Sirawai. Our American friends assisted in the joint planning," the President said.

About 1,000 US Green Berets, pilots, support staff and military engineers are staying until July 31 on Basilan, Zamboanga City and Cebu on a six-month mission to train and advise Filipino troops fighting the Abu Sayyaf.

### Powell proud

In New York, US Secretary of State Colin Powell described as "courageous" Filipino soldiers fighting terrorist groups with global links.

"I am proud that American forces are helping to train and equip their Philippine Army counterparts to combat groups like the Abu Sayyaf," Powell said Monday in a speech to American and Asian diplomats and Asian community leaders at a dinner organized by the New York-based Asia Society.

Until last week's rescue attempt, the Abu Sayyaf had held hostage the Burnhams and Yap for about a year.

"Vicious groups like Abu Sayyaf stop at nothing and no one," Powell said.

"Tragically, despite the best efforts of the government of the Philippines to secure a safe release of the hostages, Martin Burnham and Ms Yap died in the firefight that followed and Gracia Burnham was wounded," Powell said.

Gracia Burnham returned to her home in Kansas on Monday. The body of Martin Burnham, who was 42, had been flown to a US military base in Japan. A memorial service for him was scheduled for Friday in Wichita, Kansas.

"The murderous example of Abu Sayyaf shows how right President Bush has been to lead the global campaign against all terrorists, all forms of terrorism, not just al-Qaida," Powell said.

Powell also praised several East Asian nations for helping in the US-led war against terrorism.

He said the United States remained committed to bolstering Asian security and stability by maintaining its military presence in the Pacific region. ***With a report from Martin P. Marfil***

# Dogs of war sent to track down Abus

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The tracker dogs require a five-man team to lead them to missions, not to mention special dog food and clean water that must be carried into the jungle.

### Stressful

Samontanes said the operation was stressful for Dolly, who was put out of commission on Tuesday when she began urinating blood. She was diagnosed with an infection and given a furlough.

"It was the heat and exhaustion. Climbing up the slopes with heavy rains that would suddenly stop and start," he said.

Five days after the encounter, the government still cannot determine which side fired the bullets that killed Martin Burnham and Ediborah Yap.

Administration and military officials have instead taken refuge in statements by US authorities that it doesn't matter whether the deaths were caused by enemy or friendly fire because the Abu Sayyaf is ultimately responsible for the tragedy.

"It was a fast-moving situation and then there were casualties," acting Press Secretary Silvestre Afable said. "It's really hard to determine under that situation who got hit with what."

The military Southern Command has yet to submit a detailed report about the encounter.

"How can you interview all those troops when they are engaged in hot pursuit," Afable said. "You know it will take some time to sit down with everyone who was involved and come out with the story of each one."

Yet Afable, referring to the still unprepared full report, admitted that "this is not a report that will be investigated like a police investigation."

Asked to elaborate, Afable said: "In the first place, we don't know yet."

### Maybe later

"Maybe later when . . . individual soldiers who were involved can be interviewed, but at this point we must appreciate this as in the nature of a running gun battle," Afable said.

Afable said that the Palace was interested to know what really happened. He assured the public that there would be no whitewash.

Burnham's remains were immediately flown to a US air base in Japan on June 7. American authorities said that they were not keen on looking into the circumstances of his death.

"No, I haven't seen that autopsy report yet," Afable said when asked whether US authorities had examined Burnham's body.

Afable said that the Armed Forces had its own findings but these were just "preliminary."

"There was no cause really to hold his body and subject it to a very thorough autopsy," Afable said. "This is not a criminal investigation."

In a phone interview, retired Gen. Lisandro Abadia, a former Armed Forces of the Philippines chief, said the encounter "should be seen at its totality."

"In any hostage situation, people can get caught in the crossfire," Abadia said. "It doesn't matter whether rescuers are using low-tech or high-tech equipment because anything can happen in an instant."

Abadia said the government should take comfort that Burnham's widow Gracia had congratulated government forces. He said the gesture "has restored our image." ***Reports from AFP and Carlito Pablo***

# Czech voters . . .

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Soon the party had five topless women handing out campaign literature, forcing people to decide between a free shot and a free peek.

"This is something completely new. And it's nice," the daily Pravo quoted one eyewitness as saying. The paper did not say which party the man would vote for.

The centrist Christian Democrats have teamed up with the center-right Freedom Union in the June 14-15 general election. They are currently polling at around 15 percent.

The communists are slightly ahead of the coalition in the polls, running at around 18 percent. ***Reuters***

# Lack of transparency hounds agrarian reform

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the late Don Joaquin Roces, the late House Speaker Ramon Mitra, then-Malabon Rep. Teresa Aquino-Oreta, former Sen. Jovito Salonga, former Tarlac Rep. Jose Cojuangco, former Tarlac Rep. and now Gov. Jose Yap, Fr. Edilberto Alegre, Juanito Medina and Shirley Bohol.

The question arises: Because these two organizations are defunct, and because those Tilco members awarded some 55 hectares in barangays Balanti and Armenia—several of them Buscayno relatives—are not in actual possession of or are not actively tilling the land, who owns the property?

For barangay agrarian reform chairmen Pacifico Bautista of Balanti and Eutequiano Tabios of Armenia, the answer is clear. It is Buscayno, because he is seen supervising a mango orchard, rice lands, a cattle ranch and fishponds in the area.

Africano Singian, 68, and the surviving heirs of Lorenzo Garcia have deferred to Buscayno's use of their land as grazing ground for cattle. In a bid to save the residents from Pinatubo's lahar flows, Buscayno even had the Singians and Garcias moved to a hill.

"Even after the lahar (threat) was over, we could not return to the land because it is (still) being used by Ka Dante," Teresita Garcia tells the Inquirer.

### Not transparent

At the very least, the two organizations Buscayno founded should have set an example of transparency befitting their iconic status.

But from the very start, the status of the true ownership of the PLFI property in Balanti—five parcels of land totaling almost 70 hectares—has been opaque. Copies of absolute deeds of sale showed that Romeo Carriedo acquired these from the original owner, Roman de Jesus, in 1986 and then sold these to Buscayno in 1990.

Romeo Acoba, a PLFI incorporator, bought over 18 ha in Armenia in 1992.

The acquisitions were in breach of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program, which took effect on June 10, 1988—or at least two years before the first purchase.

Buscayno, in an April 6 interview, said that Carriedo and even the foundation had difficulty in transferring the ownership because their respective purchases were never granted DAR clearance (CARP regulates the sale of large agricultural lands).

Municipal agrarian reform officer Bienvenido Ildefonso knew about the sale and the change of ownership, having taken custody of the original copy of the absolute deed of sale between Buscayno and Carriedo.

When, in October 1990, Carriedo asserted ownership of the land and sued tenant Pablo Mendoza for ejection and nonpayment of land lease, a contract that Mendoza had entered into with the original landowner, Carriedo never told the Department of Agrarian Reform Adjudication Board (Darab) that the PLFI became the new owner in June 1990.

On that basis Carriedo won the case, effectively preventing the DAR from proceeding with the CARP coverage of Mendoza's land.

Belated claims Carriedo has made about his ownership of a 12-hectare parcel are also doubtful. In July 2001, the Register of Deeds (ROD) inscribed a 1977 sale of 5,000 square meters (half a hectare) to Carriedo. He was issued a new land title—but for the entire 12 hectares. This title was later cancelled in favor of two new titles for a total of 5 ha—the same 5 ha that the 76-year-old Mendoza has tilled for over five decades.

But Carriedo did not claim the remaining 7 ha which had been awarded to the New People's Army founder, his son and his brother in 1999. Carriedo later became an officer of Tilco, Buscayno said.

### Who owns it?

But it is worth asking: Why does Buscayno, even up to this date, continue to recognize Carriedo's ownership of the 5-hectare lot and four other parcels, when the PLFI had already bought them? Buscayno, in declining a third and final interview last May 25, left the matter unanswered, but Carriedo insisted that the titles to the five hectares are still in his name and that he has paid taxes for it.

Buscayno and Carriedo are business associates in the mechanized farming project. According to a DAR report, Carriedo lent financial support for the acquisition of slightly used farm machinery from Taiwan, Buscayno popularized the technology and DAR provincial chief Filomeno Inocencio provided technical know-how.

The financial reports that Tilco submitted to the CDA until 1993 did not declare as assets the 70 hectares in Balanti or the property in Armenia (which grew to some 30 hectares). An audit report on PLFI's operations in 1990 mentioned only a property worth P788,000, but without citing the location. The same report recommended that the land, obtained from the Land Bank, should be declared and transferred to the foundation.

The land in Balanti, which PLFI bought at a cost of P1.32 million, was mortgaged to the Technology and Livelihood Resource Center in 1997 to guarantee a P14-million loan. But an affidavit made in 1997 in favor of the Florencios, who had bought the property in 1979, declared that the land was not tenanted. The TLRC is now checking whether it was the PLFI or the Florencios who signed the mortgage.

Why the foundation spent money for land it cannot own is a mystery. By 1996, the PLFI and the Tilco owed the TLRC P25 million for palay trading; the Land Bank P43 million for relending; and the DAR P6.6 million for postharvest facilities.

"Tilco's financial performance ever since its initial operation (in 1990) was no longer good. In fact, its outstanding obligation before its account was declared as due and demandable last October 1996, already amounted to P33 million and no payment whatsoever has been made in spite of repeated demands," a report from the TLRC read.

The report also said that an audit by the Landbank showed that Landbank was "no longer capable of repaying its maturing obligations with its creditors."

Buscayno has traced the organizations' financial woes to Pinatubo's eruption in 1991 and the locust infestation that came after.

### Dante's reputation

Sources said Kumander Dante's reputation as NPA founder and his supposed support from former President Corazon Aquino are daunting. A DAR official asked, before agreeing to an interview: "Does Ka Dante know about this?"

Tarlac City agrarian reform officials and employees were afraid to be interviewed or even to merely provide documents.

Mendoza, the first and only farmer to openly question Buscayno's alleged gains from CARP, said the former rebel's stature initially generated trust and then fear and then disenchantment.

"He promised to help me own the land. I took his words because he was a former NPA commander. But he did not make true his promise," Mendoza said.

Sixteen months ago, he filed suit at the Darab, asking the government to cancel the emancipation patents awarded to Buscayno, his son Red and his brother Juanito.

But Buscayno insisted he helped Mendoza. It was the DAR that excluded the land from coverage because of a court dispute and the court's decision to eject the old man. The documents make clear, however, that the case was won on the basis of false claims.

Mendoza is stubborn, refusing to leave the land he has tilled for more than half a century, even after the Supreme Court denied his appeal.

"I know I deserve to own a land that I worked on throughout most of my lifetime," he told the Inquirer.

In the end, the documents obtained and the interviews conducted by the Inquirer paint a disturbing picture. Buscayno used the CARP to cancel the ownership of previous owners to some of the lands to secure what he could for his organizations.

But rather than resort to the cooperative scheme of land redistribution, which the same law allows and which makes land ownership transfer transparent, Buscayno entered into compromises that saw him lose ownership of some of the properties.

Worst of all, the transactions led to the displacement of the original tillers, like Mendoza and 15 other farmers and their heirs.

# *GMA got it all wrong, say farmers*

**By Gerald G. Lacuarta**

EITHER the President was misinformed, or she lied.

Militant farmers yesterday rebuffed President Macapagal-Arroyo's claims that her administration recorded the biggest yearly accomplishment in land distribution in the 14 years of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

Pambansang Kilusan ng mga Samahan Magsasaka (Pakisama), a national confederation of farmers' organization, said that the 104,261 hectares distributed last year were in fact the "lowest on record."

"The President has been grossly misinformed and misled," said Ananias Loza, Pakisama president. "The performance of the Department of Agrarian Reform for 2001 is actually the lowest accomplishment in a year in the entire history of CARP, and below par especially when compared with the performance of previous administrations."

Loza said the distinction of having the lowest achievement in land distribution used to belong to the Aquino administration, which distributed a total of 111,665 hectares in 1989, the first full year of land reform.

On the other hand, the highest was achieved during the Ramos administration, in 1994, when the DAR distributed a total of 433,768 hectares. The DAR secretary then was Ernesto Garilao.

Even the much-maligned Estrada administration did better. Data from the DAR showed that in its two-and-a-half years, the DAR under Secretary Horacio Morales distributed a total of 333,389 hectares, or an annual average of 133,355 hectares.

Loza also dismissed the President's boast that the DAR under Braganza had surpassed her administration's 2001 target for land distribution of 100,000 hectares.

"The President did not even make good on her Sona promises," Loza said. Ms Macapagal promised to distribute 100,000 hectares of private agricultural lands, but Loza said only around 69 percent of the land distributed last year were actually private.

### Angara's lament

In the Senate, a former agriculture secretary said the Macapagal administration should muster enough political will to arrest the decrease in funding for land distribution and acquisition under CARP.

Sen. Edgardo Angara said there was a need to pay more attention to distribution and acquisition, which dropped to a precarious level in the last two years.

"Freedom from bondage starts with a land that a tiller can truly call his own. Without land ownership, support services and capability-building are all irrelevant," he said.

In the 2002 budget, the funding for land acquisition and distribution was P2.8 billion, way below the P5.6 billion needed to fund the acquisition and distribution of land for the year.

"The slashing of the agrarian reform fund was a disservice (that cuts) to the very core of democracy," Angara said.

The Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas and the Pamantasang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamamalakaya ng Pilipinas said CARP should instead be renamed the "Cojuangco Agrarian Reform Program," since businessman Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco was allegedly one of the biggest beneficiaries of CARP under the current administration.

The two groups said Ms Macapagal "made a pact with the devil" when she declared support for San Miguel Corp.'s 150,000-ha Cassava Plantation Project in Isabela and Quirino provinces. Cojuangco is chief executive of San Miguel. The project allegedly displaced thousands of peasant families, including those who had already received their emancipation patents (EPS) and certificates of land ownership and award (CLOAs).

Rafael Mariano, KMP chair, said the administration has also allowed the deployment of military and police units to guard Cojuangco's vast tracts of lands in Tarlac, Negros and Isabela.

The People's Campaign for Agrarian Reform Network (AR Now!), a national network of nongovernment and peoples organization advocating genuine agrarian reform, said it was also not impressed with the President's report on her administration's land reform achievements.

"The 104,000 or so hectares is actually nothing to be proud of," said Ma. Estrella Penuina, AR Now! Coordinator.

"To start with, the 100,000-hectare target is in fact too low. With a remaining balance of 1.19 million hectares as of December 2000, the DAR should be targeting some 150,000 hectares a year if CARP is to be completed in eight years," Penuina said.

Under the Agrarian Reform Augmentation Fund Law, the CARP must be completed by 2008. ***With a report from Cynthia Balana***

# Anton triumphs anew, nears Touring Car title

MIKE Anton finished first in Division 2 and third overall recently in the unified SVI Petron Blaze Super Saloon/Philippine National Touring Car races to firm up his bid for the class title at the Subic International Raceway.

Anton, a fastfood chain operator, handled his Honda Civic EK4 Hatchback smoothly, gaining headway at the starting grid and making an amazing spurt to place up front along with Division 1 drivers.

He eventually placed third to Caltex Havoline's Jody Coseteng and younger brother Carlos of the Zed-Gulf MP Turbo Racing Team.

But the feat was enough for Anton to clinch the top plum in Division 2, tagging along A Tavola's Ricardo Lol and Team TEC's Tom Pastor.

Acclaimed race engine mechanic Dominic Cuesta of QC Autosports is taking care of Anton's car. Anton is also supported by Pinoy Toppings, KTC Tools, A-Toy Fiberglass Works and Demvel's Enterprises.

## SPORTSWATCH

### Drag racing set June 14-15

THE SAMSUNG Race and Rave auto drag racing will be held June 14-15 at the grounds of the Manila Harbor Center. The event is the first of a quarterly national competition organized by the Philippine Drag Racing Family Sport to promote legal drag racing as a sport. Competition categories vary from the ordinary street stock car to the modified level racing cars. Weekend parties, featuring live bands and DJs, will be held in the evenings. There will also be stalls and booths offering car accessories, snacks and refreshments during the event starting at 10 a.m.

### MCC non-master chess June 16

THE MCC non-master chess tournament will be held on June 16 at the 2/F Centermall, Greenhills Shopping Center in San Juan.

The event is open to all untitled chess players—amateurs, unrated and rated players, regardless of ages and sexes. The competition will employ the seven-round Swiss format and new time control of 35 minutes per players in selecting the top four major winners who will receive the following cash prizes: P4,000 + trophy—champion; P2,000—second placer; P1,000 and P700 for third and fourth finishers. Deadline for registration is until 8:30 a.m. on Sunday. For details, call MCC at 826-8560 and 0916-852-1069 or e-mail at milochess@edsamail.com.ph. Early registrants include Gabby Layugan, Angelo Macaraig, Dominique Layugan, Emmanuel Emperado, Jojo Aquino, Dexter Dacanay, Remille Gerric Medina, Magellan Bagayna, Jaroz Felipe, Alces Salvador, Bruce Alfred Reyes and Chester Villafaña.

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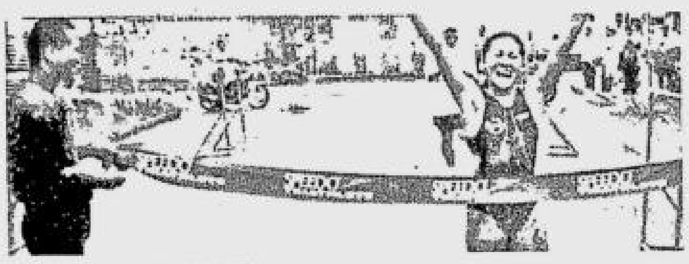

**TRIATHLON WINNER**
2002 NTT champion Ani Karina de Leon shouts in jubilation as she crosses the finish line winning the National Female title of the Enervon National Triathlon Championships last Sunday in Subic. De Leon registered a winning time of 2 hours, 27 minutes and 34 seconds.

**TURKEY TRAINING**
The Petron national taekwondo team left recently for Ankara, Turkey, for a two-week training. Standing, from left, are Roberto Cruz, Tshomlee Go, Manuel Rivero Jr., Jeferthom Go, Victor Emmanuel Veneracion, coach; Kim tae Hyung, coach; Donald David Geisler, Alexander Briones and Dindo Simpao. Front, from left, are Eva Marie Ditan, Daleen Cordero, Jasmin Strachan, Kalindi Tamayo, Veronica Domingo, Margarita Bonifacio and Sally Solis. Coach is Jesus Morales III.

**URBAN HUNT CHAMPIONS**
Winners of the inaugural Clorets Urban Hunt 2002 whoop it up after receiving their prizes. From left are Paolo Abrera, Team Extreme's Marcelito Olympia and Gina Tobias (2nd runner-up), Team Wanderers' Allendry Lizarondo and Astrid Padilla (1st runner-up), Pfizer's senior product manager Malyn Domingo and trade development manager Jojo Montes, and Knights of Mary Immaculate's Jun-Jun Lim Jr. and Mark Rodica (champion).

CHAIRMAN'S CUP

# La Salle fights for life vs Ateneo

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| Shark | 7 | 12 |

By Dennis U. Eroa

ICTSI-LA SALLE, its campaign on the brink, needs to beat a familiar and deadly rival as it tries to stay in the hunt for a finals berth at the end of the PBL Chairman's Cup semifinals today at the Makati Coliseum.

Staring at disaster after losing 72-68 to Blu Sun Power last Monday at the Pasig Sports Center, ICTSI-La Salle tackles early finalist Ateneo-Hapee-Negros Navigation at 5 p.m., a game dubbed as the Independence Day Thriller.

Kutitap, which like La Salle is in dire straits, guns for the all-important 5 of 8 incentive as it clashes with title-hungry Blu Sun Power in the 3 p.m. opener.

Losses by Kutitap and La Salle will give Blu smooth passage to the best-of-five finals against Ateneo. If Kutitap and La Salle prevail, both winners will meet in a playoff to determine the second finalist.

A triple tie will ensue if Kutitap wins and La Salle loses. The team with the highest quotient draws a bye and will meet the winner of the first playoff for the right to join Ateneo.

"I'm not expecting Ateneo to give this match to us," said La Salle mentor Franz Pumaren. The Green Archers hold a 2-1 advantage over the Blue Eagles in their head-to-head clash this conference.

Despite an injury-hit line-up, Ateneo is having a grand time mainly because of the MVP-like performance of Enrico Villanueva, Rich Alvarez and pointguard Celino Cruz. Jec Chia, Andrew Cruz and Larry Fonacier are stepping up for the Blue Eagles, who recorded their first-ever final appearance in the league.

VILLANUEVA does a slam in this file photo.

# PSC official stepping down?

CLEAN LIVING

*Manolo R. Iñigo*

MY sources at Malacañang told me about a forthcoming revamp at the Philippine Sports Commission because one high ranking PSC official has opted to step down as a result of the never-ending feud among officials of the embattled agency now chaired by Eric Buhain. This is sad, but that's the truth. Philippine sports will not make any progress for as long as we have sports leaders in the PSC who quarrel a lot and PSC officials who always travel abroad using public funds.

Speaking of foreign trips, it's high time Chairman Buhain and his commissioners heed the call of President Macapagal-Arroyo to take severe cutbacks in spending by not joining the national delegation to the coming Busan Asian Games. They should stay home to set a good example.

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**THUNDER LINEUP.** Besides rehiring 6-foot-7 Tony Lang and 6-foot-8 Julius Nwosu for this year's PBA Commissioner Cup, who are the other players in the Batang Red Bull lineup? To Borg Manalad, a Thunder die-hard, here's the answer:

For the Commissioner's Cup, coach Yeng Guiao will pin his title-aspiration hopes on awesome imports Tony Lang, who played forward for Duke University on two US NCAA Finals and five NBA teams; and slotman Julius Nwosu, who played for Nigeria in the 1998 World Basketball Championship in Athens and once carried the Purefoods colors in 1999 and 2000. Also in the lineup are vastly improved local players such as team captain Jimwell Torion and Junthy Valenzuela, both prized finds from Cebu, talented Willie Miller, back-to-form Lordy Tugade, dependable Jay Mendoza, battle tested Edmund Reyes, Anton Villoria, who play point guard after Torion and Miller; and new additions Vince Hizon, a deadly shooter formerly of Ginebra, beefy Noli Locsin and Nelson Asaytono and Homer Se, former San Sebastian Stags and Cebu Gems player.

# Paule, Ruayana prevail

DON Paule of Cordillera Autonomous Region and Carmel Ruayana of Region XI emerged high school division champions in the table tennis competition of the just concluded Palarong Pambansa at the Naga Hope Christian High School Gym in Naga City.

Paule beat Region I's Ralph Christian Carungay for the boys' crown while Ruayana stopped Region V's Cescille Niesmo, according to Victor Valbuena, president of the Table Tennis Association of the Philippines.

In the elementary division, National Capital Region's Michael John Breiva took the boys' title at the expense of Region II's Jarius Rubio.

Fellow NCR bet Beverly Villar ruled the distaff side, whipping Region II's Mirabel Ruferos.

Naga Vice Mayor Esteban Abonal awarded medals to the winners.

**BASEBALL RESULTS**

**Interleague**—Toronto 3, Colorado 2; Arizona 7, Boston 3; Cleveland 8, N.Y. Mets 3; San Diego 9, Tampa Bay 6; N.Y. Yankees 4, San Francisco 2; Los Angeles 2, Baltimore 1; Florida 6, Minnesota 3; Philadelphia 7, Detroit 5; Chicago White Sox 13, Montreal 2; Kansas City 3, St. Louis 2; Anaheim 7, Cincinnati 4; Oakland 7, Houston 6; Chicago Cubs 5, Seattle 1; Atlanta 9, Texas 3.

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World Cup 2002 – South Africa vs Spain at 7:30 p.m. on Dream 42
**TENNIS:** Wimbledon Library Films—Coming of Age at 12 noon (r) on Star Sports
Wmbledon Library Films—More than a Game at 7 p.m. on Star Sports

**DENMARK'S Dennis Rommedahl (left, top photo) celebrates his first goal as France's goalie Fabien Barthez lies on the ground during their Group A match in Incheon, South Korea, yesterday. Denmark won, 2-0, to advance to the second round and eliminate France. At right is Denmark's John Dahl Tomasson. Left photo shows a dejected French star Zinedine Zidane after his team's humiliating setback. Zidane played but he was never a factor in the match.** AP

### WORLD CUP 2002 STANDINGS

| Team | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
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| Group A | | | | | | | |
| Denmark | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Senegal | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 5 |
| Uruguay | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 2 |
| France | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Group B | | | | | | | |
| Spain | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 6 |
| South Africa | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Paraguay | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| Slovenia | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Group C | | | | | | | |
| Brazil | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 6 |
| Costa Rica | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Turkey | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| China | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Group D | | | | | | | |
| Korea | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| USA | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| Portugal | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 3 |
| Poland | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Group E | | | | | | | |
| Germany | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 4 |
| Cameroon | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Rep Ireland | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Saudi Arabia | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| Group F | | | | | | | |
| Sweden | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| England | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Argentina | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Nigeria | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Group G | | | | | | | |
| Mexico | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 6 |
| Italy | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Croatia | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Ecuador | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Group H | | | | | | | |
| Japan | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Russia | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Belgium | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Tunisia | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 |

# GOODBYE, FRANCE

## Ousted champs absorb worst record of any titleist in the 72-year history of World Cup

**INCHON, South Korea—France suffered the acute embarrassment of becoming the first defending champion to be knocked out of the World Cup in the first round for 36 years yesterday when it was beaten , 2-0, by Denmark.**

If not the biggest shock in World Cup history, France's elimination at the first hurdle as the bottom team in its group is certainly the worst performance by the world champion since the competition began in Uruguay in 1930.

After dominating world and European football for the last four years, the French finished the tournament with the worst record of any champion in the 72-year history of the tournament after a 22nd minute goal from Danish striker Dennis Rommedahl and a 67th minute effort from Jon Dahl Tomasson.

France dropped out of Group A after failing to score a single goal in three games and getting just one point. It suffered a shock 1-0 loss in the opening game to newcomer Senegal, which was held to a draw by Uruguay and lost to the Danes.

Meanwhile, French soccer fans let out a collective howl of anguish and hung their heads in despair after the defending champions crashed out.

Thousands of fans stood in wretched misery in front of a vast screen in central Paris as their heroes lost, a humiliating fall from grace for the country that had revelled in its 1998 victory.

The agony of defeat in Paris was matched by the joy of victory in the Danish capital of Copenhagen where police had to clear thousands of cheering supporters from the town square because of bomb scare.

Cheering Danes poured out of pubs while singing the rock group Queen's "We Are the Champions."

"It's fantastic. We beat the world and European champions," said John Soegaard, a 29-year-old railway serviceman.

France coach Roger Lemerre was philosophical in defeat.

"It was a very tough day for the players, myself and all the fans."

Denmark clinched top spot in the group, with Senegal also qualifying for the second round as runner-up. France went out along with Uruguay, which drew 3-3 with Senegal in Tuesday's other Group A match in Suwon.

**Senegal 3, Uruguay 3**

In Suwon, South Korea, first-time World Cup finalist Senegal held on for a 3-3 draw against Uruguay to reach the last 16 with two first-half goals from Papa Bouba Diop and another from Khalilou Fadiga on a penalty in the 20th.

Senegal finished second in Group A and will face the first-place team in Group F, which could be Sweden, England or Argentina. Denmark, which finished first in Group A, goes against the second-place team in F—again, any of the three.

Group F will be decided on Wednesday. ***AP***

## Karate 'sensei' to US

THE KARATE Development Arts And Sports (KDA), one of the leading Karate Clubs in the country, recently sent two of its leading "sensei" to the prestigious Master Camp in Park Green Lane, Philadelphia, USA.

The two, David Lay, KDA chief instructor and head coach of the Philippine National Karate Team, and Aywin Suva, KDA president and board member of the Philippine Karatedo Federation(PKF) are now in the US for the week-long karate seminar ending June 14.

The trip is sponsored by Rexona, Unilever Philippines and by the Karate Development Arts and Sports.

The Master Camp is an annual technical clinic that is undertaken by the International Shotokan Karate Federation (ISKF) which is a member of the popular Japan Karate Association (JKA).

## 'War at the Casino' all set at C. Filipino

IT'S all systems go for the "War at the Casino," a three-in-one blockbuster slugfest featuring two international title bouts and one Philippine championship on June 15 at the Casino Filipino in Parañaque City.

Australian champion Jeff Malcolm arrived Sunday from Australia to face Filipino titleholder Fernando Sagrado for the World Boxing Association Pan Asia welterweight championship.

Indonesian challenger Ferdinan is also in town to battle the Philippines' Dennis Laurente for the Oriental Pacific Boxing Federation (OPBF) lightweight championship. This is Laurente's first defense of his title.

In the other mainer, Bobby Pacquiao, younger brother of world champion Manny Pacquiao, battles Renato Inal of the Elorde stable for the Philippine Junior lightweight crown.

Promoter Johnny Elorde said a press preview will be held today at 2 p.m. at the Elorde gym in Sucat, Parañaque.

Malcolm, whose no show in his original fight with Sagrado two years ago resulted in a lawsuit by the Elordes, arrived with his trainer Robert Wilson aboard a flight from Sydney.

Sagrado said he is eager to finally confront the Australian, saying he would finish off his opponent in seven rounds. However, Malcolm upon arrival, told Elorde that he would knock out Sagràdo in the first round.

**HOME IS THE HERO**

**Manny Pacquiao arrives Monday evening to a hero's welcome at the Naia after his successful defense of the IBF world superbantamweight crown. He knocked out Jorge Julio of Colombia in the second round of a scheduled 12-rounder in Memphis, Tennessee, for his second defense of the crown he won by a sixth-round knockout of then defending champion Lehlo Lewaba a while back. At right is his wife, Jinky.** ROGER MARGALLO

## Irene, RJ grab singles top spot

NATIONAL players Irene Bautista and RJ Bautista took the early lead in the men's and women's singles class O as their foreign counterparts struggled in the 31st Boysen-PBCV International Open at the Green Valley lanes yesterday.

Bautista felled 977 pinfalls and also led the women's all events class O (1829), while Bautista scored 1009. National team mentor Purvis Granger paced the men's all events with 1870.

Malaysian Shalin Zulkifli was the only foreigner to fare well, rolling 919 pinfalls to place third in the women's singles class O. Another Filipina, Ces Yap, ranked fourth with 898.

Defending champions Tom Hahl and Jennifer Tang and the entire Singapore national team see action today in the event sponsored by Boysen, Philippine Sports Commission, Prudential Guarantee, Regent Foods, Bowlmart, Prima Pasta, Kegel, ILO Construction and official hotel Manila Galleria Suites.

Meanwhile, RP Youth stalwarts Frederick Ong and Liza Clutario banner the Philippine campaign in the Youth Masters finals.

## Lanao ready as host

EVEN before the 2002 Palarong Pambansa fever can cool down, Lanao del Norte Rep. Bobby Dimaporo announced his ambitious plan for his province's Palaro hosting next year that would lavish each delegation with a daily supply of a calf and three sacks of rice on top of the usual provisions it gets.

And to accommodate thousands of participants expected to gather in the province, there are also plans to have a big cruise ship which will be anchored in the sea to house some of the delegates, who will be ferried to and from the bay in the duration of the Palaro. ***Marc Anthony Reyes***

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**NOKIA GOLF**

**Peewee Eligir of the Philamhomes golf team hits a picture-perfect teeshot during the closing round of the Nokia Intervillage North tournament at Wack Wack recently. Greenhills, captained by Ernie Pilares, is the defending champion,**

## Woods delights his fans

FARMINGDALE, New York—Last month as Tiger Woods began to focus on the US Open, he was asked whether he enjoyed playing in New York.

A long pause ensued, then a smile.

"Do I have to answer that?" he said.

On Monday, it all made sense.

Woods arrived at Bethpage State Park about 3 p.m., headed to the practice range to warm up and then entered the ring, so to speak, when he got to the first tee.

The scene was incredible. There wasn't an empty seat in the grandstand behind the tee, and about 10,000 people crammed around the tee box. ***AP***

## *Casas joins Miñoza, Arda, Silverio in golf's Majors Club*

**CASAS**

IF AND when Cassius Casas tees off for this week's US Open in Bethpage State Park, New York, he will join three other Filipinos in the Majors Club of world golf.

Before Casas' historic mission starts on Friday, three of his countrymen had earlier scored breakthroughs overseas: Frankie Miñoza, Luis "Golem" and Ben Arda.

Miñoza has played once each in the Masters and British Open and twice in the US PGA, Arda and Silverio once each in the Masters.

An AP report yesterday confirmed that Bruce Fleischer had withdrawn from the US Open, paving the way for Casas' entry. Casas will be paired in the first round of the US Open on Friday with Swede Robert Karlsson and American Billy Mayfair.

Although he arrived in New York from San Francisco close to midnight on Monday after a seven-hour flight, Casas, armed with a new swing and confidence, was upbeat of his maiden Major appearance.

"I'm very excited to be in the main field. This is the first time that I've tried to qualify for the US Open and it's great to be the first player from my country to play in the event.

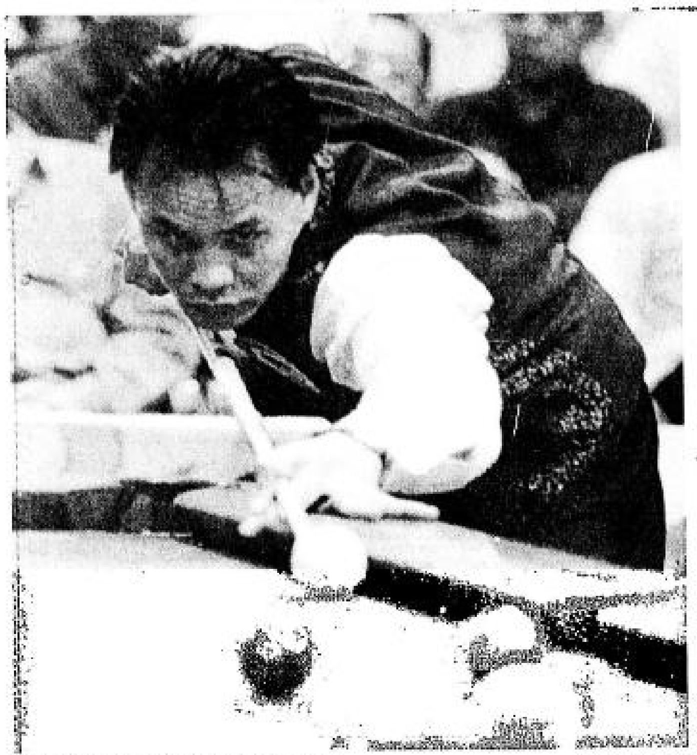
"It was a kind of a rush to get to New York as I was told about my inclusion late on Sunday. I was in San Francisco when Asian PGA's David Parkin contacted me with the good news and soon after, a US Golf Association official phoned as well.

Casas went to the US to try his luck after struggling this season in Asia. A series of swing corrections and a brand-new set of Titleist clubs helped him regain his confidence to shoot rounds of 68 and 72 in the sectional qualifying.

"After my sectional qualifying, an official told me that I had a very good chance of making it through. I checked my e-mails daily hoping for some good news from the USGA but nothing came. So when David called, it took me by complete surprise."

Casas' late arrival meant he lost one day of practice at Bethpage's Black Course, which is the longest in the 102 years of US Open history, but he was unperturbed, saying that his swing is in good shape.

"I haven't been playing well and about a month ago, I decided to change my swing and golf clubs. I went to a coach in Manila and told him 'I need a quick fix as I am trying to qualify for the US Open' and we worked on several things. ***Jong Arcano***



BUSTAMANTE: Richer by P750,000. FILE PHOTO

# Bustamante rips Deuel

**By Dennis Eroa**

FRANCISCO "Django" Bustamante walloped American sensation Corey Deuel, 13-8, to rule the $40,000 (P2 million) Motolite 9-Ball World Challenge last night at the Araneta Coliseum.

Earlier, pool legend Efren "Bata" Reyes punished Japanese ace Kunihiko Takahashi with a cool and calculating game to post an 11-8 victory and salvage third place.

With murder in his eyes, Bustamante left the 24-year-old Deuel shaking his head in disbelief as he raced to a 7-0 lead. He preserved his fiery game with a clean-up in the 21st rack after Deuel failed to convert the break.

The 38-year-old Bustamante, a native of Tarlac City, went home richer by $15,000 (P750,000), while Deuel, the reigning US Open champion, settled for the $10,000 (P500,000) runner-up purse.

Both Reyes and Takahashi failed to cash in on the breaks, but the Filipino ace turned out to be more skillful and snatched the $7,500 (P375,000) third prize.Takahashi settled for $5,000 (P250,000).

"I'm ahead if both of us can't convert the breaks," said Reyes, who also beat Takahashi in the preliminaries. "My preparations are perfect."

Reyes said he is satisfied with the third place finish. He lost, 9-7, to Deuel in the semifinals. "I know that my fellow Filipinos are disappointed when I lost in the semis. But anything can happen in billiards."

Reyes surged to a 7-4 lead in the race to 11 battle for third. But Takahashi, converting difficult shots, had the crowd clapping in delight as he won the next three racks to tie the game, 7-7.

The Japanese, however, continued to struggle in the breaks in the succeeding games, giving Reyes the breather.

The week-long event pitting the Philippines' best against the rest of the world is promoted and produced by Viva Vintage and Puyat Sports. Major sponsor was Oriental and Motolite Marketing Corp.

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# Great Outdoor Quest starts; 4 teams join endurance meet

FROM Intramuros to Sagada, Del Monte 202 recently kicked off the Great Outdoor Quest, a three-day adventure race that sent four teams competing around the rugged terrain of the Mountain Province.

The event, organized by Del Monte 202, Campaigns & Grey and Studio 23's Gameplan, hopes to strengthen the juice drink's position as the thirst quencher for young people with active lifestyle.

The Del Monte 202 Great Outdoor Quest is a test of endurance and will power where four teams travel around a particular region in the country, completing various challenges in search of clues that will lead them to the next destination.

Competing with the hosts of Gameplan, the Del Monte finalists are Akiko Thomson, Carlo Gatmaitan and Rain Avanzado for Del Monte 202 Nauts, Yas Tang, Uy and Jinno Rufino for Del Monte Good, Carlo Ledesma, Miko Beltran and Emilio Cagmat for Del Monte 202 Wottamen and Rovilson Fernandez, Sheli Manuel and Ocampo of Del Monte 202 Delicious.

Given spare provisions, the teams have to figure out where they have to go and get there as fast as they can. The last team to arrive at a certain point faces outright elimination.

From hundreds of applicants, only 26 were selected to go through the screening process. After an intensive panel interview and an endurance test, only eight made the final list.

The endurance test at the University of the Philippines involved a 200-meter swim and a three-round run at the oval. Natalia Uy topped the finalists with an average time of 20.31 minutes, Emilio Cagmat turned in 20:32 and Frederic Ocampo 23:00.

# Red-White Cup stakes Nissan Exalta

A BRAND-NEW Nissan Exalta will be at stake as a hole-in-one prize when alumni of the San Beda College and St. Benedict College jointly stage the Red and White Golf Cup this Friday, June 14 at the Alabang Country Club course in Muntinlupa. Tee-off is from 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

The car which will be at stake on a designated hole is being put up by Nissan North Edsa and Nissan Motors Philippines Inc. in cooperation with Prudential Guarantee and Assurance Inc.

The proceeds of the event will go to the various academic and sports projects of the alumni association. Transnational Diversified is the presenter while sponsors are Casino Filipino, San Miguel Corp., Duty Free Philippines, Jag Jeans, Dyna Products, PLDT, Philippine Daily Inquirer, Utilco International Trading Co., Toro Motors Premier Wine and Spirits, Outlast Batteries, Hunts Universal Robina, Abiva Publishing Corp., and Sabater-Pascual Optical Shop.

For details and reservation, please contact the alumni office at 735-5995 and ask for Wilma or at 809-1780 and ask for Immie.

# It's a cinch for Lakers

**NBA NOTES**

*Henry Liao*

IT'S over. With an insurmountable 3-0 advantage over the overmatched New Jersey Nets in the best-of-seven NBA Finals, the steamrolling LA Lakers are headed for a rare third consecutive league championship, duplicating the feat of their predecessors, the Minneapolis Lakers (1952-54); Boston Celtics (1959-66) and Chicago Bulls (1991-93, 1996-98).

The fourth game of the NBA Finals will again be held at the Nets' Continental Airlines Arena on Thursday (Manila time, 9 a.m.). Other than the Nets looking to salvage their pride with a victory, it's only a matter of time before the series goes to the Lakers, who are poised to capture the 14th NBA title (in 27 NBA Finals appearances) in franchise history.

No team has ever wiped out a 3-0 deficit in the NBA Finals and annexed the championship. Moreover, there have been six 4-0 sweeps in NBA Finals history—1959 Boston (vs. Minneapolis), 1971 (Milwaukee vs. Baltimore), 1975 Golden State (vs. Washington, 1983 Philadelphia (vs. LA Lakers), 1989 Detroit (vs. LA Lakers) and 1995 Houston (vs. Orlando).

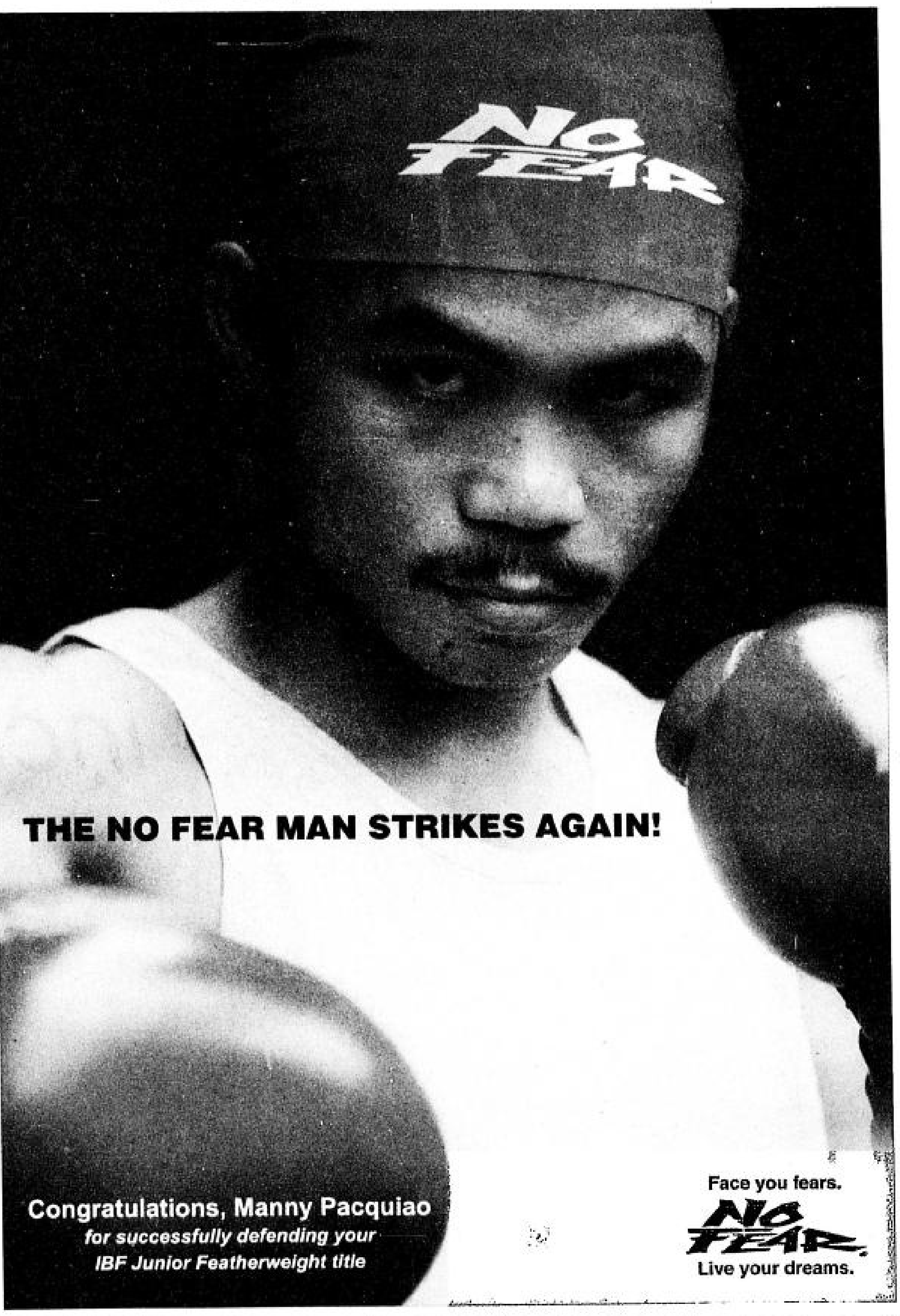
Ironically, Lakers coach Phil Jackson, who is set to gain his third title "three-peat" and extend his unblemished NBA Finals series record to 9-0, failed to score a four-game sweep in any his six successful NBA Finals stints with Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls during the 1990s.

The Nets had hoped a home setting in Game 3 would translate into a better performance and a different result after they lost 99-94 and 106-83 in the first two games of the series at the Lakers' Stables Center.

That was not to be the case. New Jersey also surrendered a 106-103 decision that put the club on the brink of eliminations.

Like Games 1 and 2, the Nets got off to a slow start in Game 3 and failed to stop the Lakers' Shaquille O'Neal (35) and Kobe Bryant (36) both of whom scored 30 or more and erased a seven-point Nets advantage early in the fourth quarter.

The 7-1 Shaq has singlehandedly demolished the Nets' committee of centers led by clumsy 7-foot Todd MacCulloch, undersized 6-9 Aaron Williams and rookie 7-foot Jason Collins.



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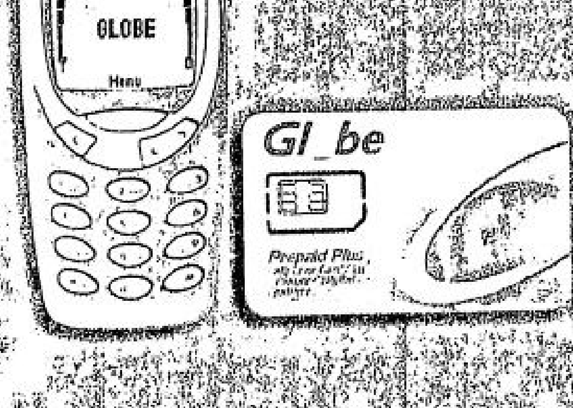

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# Policemen bring off Taguig hostage drama

By Christian V. Esguerra

**"WE DIDN'T want to have a Pasay here," Taguig policeman PO2 Junren Obico said yesterday after he and his colleagues successfully foiled a man's attempt to blow up his own wife, their 9-year-old son and himself Monday night.**

The policeman was referring to the botched May 31 rescue by Pasay City policemen of 4-year-old Dexter Balala from hostage taker Diomedes Talvo. Both hostage and hostage taker were killed in the Pasay incident.

"We wanted the incident to end with the successful recovery of the victims," PO2 Obico added.

Unlike their Pasay City counterparts, about 20 Taguig policemen managed to keep away kibitzers and stop them from interfering in negotiations with Acmad Amba, 26, who had taken hostage his wife Sapela, 28, and their son Shaa early Monday night, Obico said.

He said Amba had threatened to

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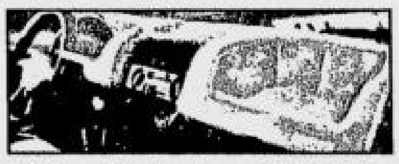

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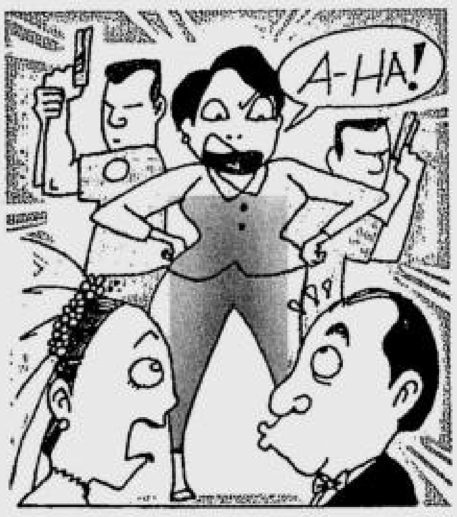

# No, you don't, woman says as husband says 'I do' again

By Christian V. Esguerra

A MAN got the surprise of his life when an uninvited guest came to his wedding at the Coconut Palace in Pasay City on Monday: his wife. His original wife.

Police said Querubin Ruiz-Lantaje, 35, spoiled the attempt of Esmeraldo Lantaje Jr. to marry another woman when she and several Pasay policemen arrived at the wedding reception and announced to the about 150 guests that the groom was a married man. In fact, she said, she and Lantaje have been married for 12 years.

Case investigator PO2 Alberto Sambilon said the groom turned red and fidgety when Mrs. Lantaje suddenly approached the presidential table where he and his new bride, Ramona Cruz, were seated with their sponsors. Cruz nearly fainted, he added.

Before the wedding, Mrs. Lantaje had sought the help of the Pasay police to arrest her husband. She had learned that he was to marry at 5 p.m. Monday, police said.

Mrs. Lantaje told police that she and Lantaje were married in 1990 and they have a son. They parted ways seven years later, but there was no formal separation, she said.

Police said they would file bigamy charges against the man who almost got away with marrying twice.

# 'Dead' janitor still alive and complaining

THE SCHOOLS superintendent of Cavite had told a court that Romeo Mateo Jr. had died years ago.

Yesterday, Mateo, a former janitor of the Sangley Elementary School in Cavite, returned from "the dead" to declare he was alive but in hiding, according to a statement from the office of Cavite Gov. Ayong Maliksi.

"I am not dead," a tearful Mateo said in Filipino yesterday. "I was just hiding from the driver-bodyguard of Ma'am Ignacio who had terrorized me, my family and even my in-laws."

He was referring to Cavite Schools Superintendent Dr. Leonora B. Ignacio, who had said in an affidavit that Mateo had suffered an "untimely death."

Mateo also said he had been in hiding since 1995 but he learned that his services as janitor of Sangley Elementary School were terminated only last year.

"I don't know who had been drawing my salaries since January 1995 which added up to at most P168,000, at P2,000 per month," he said.

He recalled that after he left his job as school janitor, he and his family went into hiding from February 1995 up to last May.

Grade II teacher Gloria Jaymalin of Salawag Elementary School, in Barangay Sabang in Dasmariñas, Civite, recently tracked him down on a hill in Naic town to confirm whether he had really signed a letter against her last December. Mateo agreed to tell the truth.

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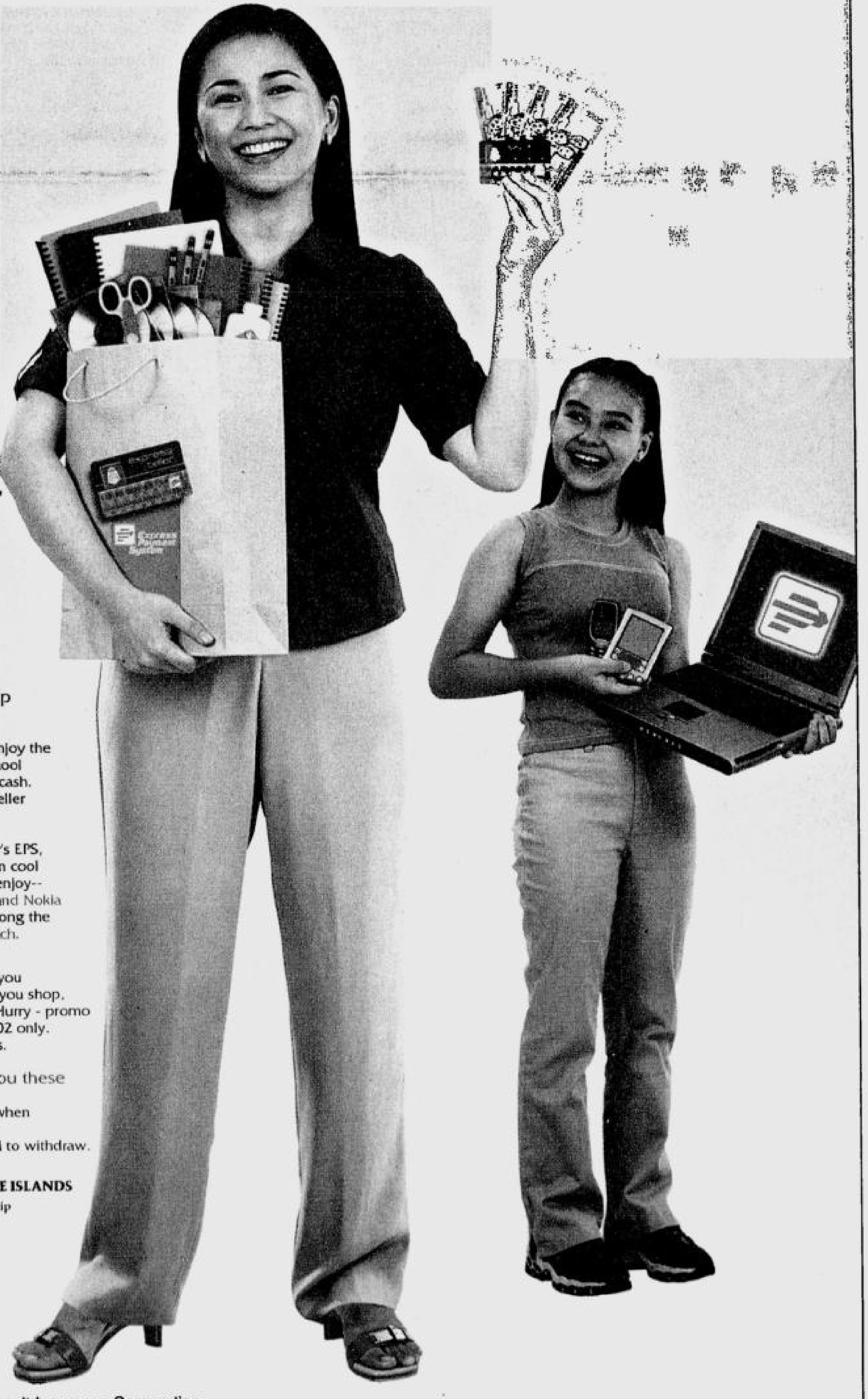

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## LAND DISPUTE

# 'You can't take it back'

**By Tina Santos**

MALABON City Mayor Amado Vicencio yesterday denied taking some 40 hectares of land from Caloocan City, as claimed by Mayor Reynaldo Malonzo.

"There's no taking back because the land has always been part of our territorial jurisdiction," Vicencio said in a statement.

He said the area, which consists of Barangays 160 and 161, was already part of Malabon even when it was still a municipality, as shown by the cadastral survey and clinical description of its boundaries.

Malonzo earlier said he was surprised when he learned that two Caloocan barangays are now part of Malabon as stated in Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9019, which converted Malabon into a city and redefined its boundaries.

Malonzo stressed that the disputed property was part of Caloocan City since its residents have been paying their real property taxes and business permits to Caloocan.

But Malabon City legal officer Danilo Diaz said Malonzo knew all along that the two barangays were part of Malabon. He said Malonzo only used the disputed area as his defense in a case filed against him for allegedly realigning the salaries and bonuses of Caloocan employees amounting to P50 million for the expropriation of the land where the proposed Caloocan City Bus Terminal will be constructed.

Diaz said that during the court proceedings, Malonzo had admitted that the property was within the territorial jurisdiction of Malabon.

Vicencio also denied that Malabon has failed to provide basic services, such as garbage collection, to the hundreds of residents of the two barangays. But he admitted that garbage in some parts of the area could not be collected because of the absence of an access road.

He said he already ordered Malabon's Solid Waste Management group and officials of Barangay Potrero to intensify the delivery of basic services to the residents.

# *Navotas 'peeping tom' stabbed in the eye*

A SUSPECTED peeping tom was stabbed in the left eye by a relative of the girl he allegediy had been watching in Navotas on Monday.

Ricky Masangque, 23, a fish porter and resident of Sitio Puting Bato, Northbay Boulevard, died while undergoing treatment at the Jose Reyes Memorial Hospital Medical Center.

Police were looking for the stabber who was only identified as Jose, said to be a neighbor of Masangque.

Investigation showed that the attack happened about 5 p.m. Monday in front of Masangque's house.

Police said Masangque was resting when Jose, armed with a knife, suddenly emerged and without warning, stabbed him in the eye.

Jose fled while Masangque was brought to the hospital.

Masangque's older brother, Romulo, 25, said Jose had an old grudge against his younger brother. Neighbors said Jose had caught Masangque peeping at a woman relative of Jose's some months ago. ***Tina Santos***

# Court denies petition of QC councilors

**By Agnes E. Donato**

NINE Quezon City councilors asked a Quezon City court to stop Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista and three other city officials from holding an election of officers and chairpersons of the different committees yesterday. But a Quezon City judge denied the petition for temporary restraining order, citing its lack of legal basis.

Councilors Rommel Abesamis, Jorge Banal, Dante de Guzman, Antonio Inton, Godofredo Liban, Restituto Malangen, Ramon Medalla, Eric Medina and Mary Ann Susano also named respondents in their petition majority floor leader Jesus Suntay, minority floor leader Julian Coseteng, and council secretary Eugenio Jurilla.

The petition said Coseteng wrote Suntay last June 6 requesting an election of officers and chairs of the different standing committees on June 11. Suntay reportedly passed the request to Jurilla, who then furnished all the councilors with copies of the June 11 agenda of the city council. The election was included in the agenda.

But the petitioners questioned the legality of the proposed election, noting the "undue and indecent haste" by which it had been set.

In an interview, Suntay said the election was set to be held yesterday, as the term of the incumbent officials would be finished when the city council resumes its sessions in July.

He maintained that the election was just a proposal and could not be undertaken without due process.

# Hijacked milk truck found

ANOTHER hijacked truck was found in Valenzuela City over the weekend.

The 10-wheeler truck (XAG 263) of TGC Trucking, reportedly owned by Gary Guanzon, was found along McArthur Highway in Malinta, Valenzuela.

Police said the truck, which contained some P1 million worth of Alaska milk powder, was reported missing last Thursday after it left the North Harbor on its way to San Pedro, Laguna. ***Tina Santos***

# Lennox retires an ugly ghost in Memphis

**BARE EYE**

*Recah Trinidad*

(NO AD: Manny Pacquiao threw away a cool $20,000 when his handlers turned down an offer to have his famous back used to advertise Golden Palace Com, an online gaming company. Nick Giongo of Today, reporting from Memphis, said Pacquiao was reconsidering the proposal but his handlers refused because it was already late in the afternoon. They did not like Pacquiao's preflight warm-up to be affected by the thick label. The paint would've taken nearly two hours to dry up..."Ang Batas with Atty. Aga" has a new time slot: 5:00-6:30 p.m. on 558 RMN News Manila, Monday to Friday.)

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**"THE bull, as it should be, is dead, and the man, as he should be, is alive, and with a tendency to smile."**

**Ernest Hemingway did that caption for the illustrated picture of a triumphant *matador* in his book "Death in the Afternoon."**

**That same caption, we dare say, is very fitting for that final frame in the Lennox Lewis-Mike Tyson world heavyweight boxing championship fight in Memphis on Sunday.**

**Yes, Mike Tyson survived the carnage after the referee counted him out, his bloody face a gory mask, his back flat on the resin floor.**

**But there was something bigger than Tyson which Lewis slew in that moment of truth inside the boxing ring.**

**Lewis killed Tyson's beastly reputation.**

* * *

No, Lewis did not do it the way Superman could be expected to dispatch King Kong.

Lewis, big, cool and careful, in full control of his nerves, did his job slowly, masterfully.

He was very much like a seasoned, shining *matador*.

You see, if there was a boxing bout in recent memory to closely resemble a bullfight, it was none other than the Lewis-Tyson tussle on Sunday.

Just like most bullfights, it had all the built-in disparity.

It was a patented mismatch right at the opening bell.

There was no need to spear or wound Tyson with the help of a horse-bound picador.

The shorter, more ferocious charger played the dumb, blind bull's role to the hilt. He was a bogus, overrated Miura.

All Lewis had to do was stay at a distance, rely on his longer reach.

He made sure he had a good view of the shorter opponent.

Lewis predictably took full control.

* * *

**In the end, Lewis, smiling, exercised his right and declared his greatness.**

**Tyson, bloodied, tamed, humbled, could only stare and listen in awe.**

**Lewis was kind enough to add that Tyson was the greatest when he was 19, more than a decade ago, but then this is the year of King Lennox's reign.**

**Well, the saying goes that a big good man can always beat a good little man.**

**But Lewis, in superb shape, did not only come in too big for his opponent.**

**He also displayed better skills, enviable ringmanship.**

**It was too late for oddsmakers to realize that the only thing that had qualified Tyson be in the same ring with Lewis was his reputation.**

* * *

As had been noted previously, Tyson could win it only by a knockout.

Lewis, wiser, more skillful, with his vast arsenal, and sound knowhow, could do it either via a stoppage or on points.

Well, in the olden days, Tyson could readily back his menacing image with equal ferocity inside the ring.

The official Compubox statistics, however, bared that Tyson should have been elsewhere except inside the ring with Lewis on Sunday.

Lewis landed 193 punches, as against Tyson's 49. Lewis also scored a total of 109 jabs, most of them vivid and jarring, while Tyson only had 20 connections.

The experts were right. The result symbolized a sea change in the world heavyweight division.

Lewis, often criticized as colorless, soft, has undeniably achieved a defining moment in his career.

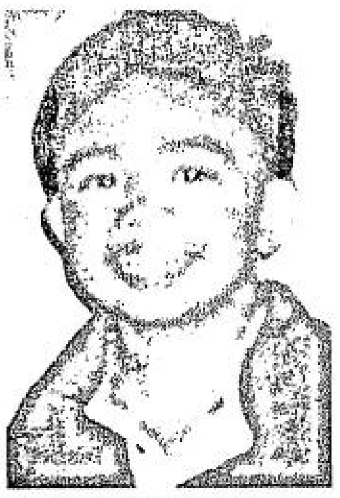
Walking into the post-fight press conference following his biggest knockout win, he asked, "What more do you guys want me to do?"

He had been pushed to the extreme by Evander Holyfield, knocked out cold by Hasim Rahman. There's no denying that the Tyson he beat on Sunday had been rendered mediocre by too many punches, a rotten lifestyle and the dirty years.

The apt caption should say that Lewis, in demolishing Tyson, has retired an ugly ghost.

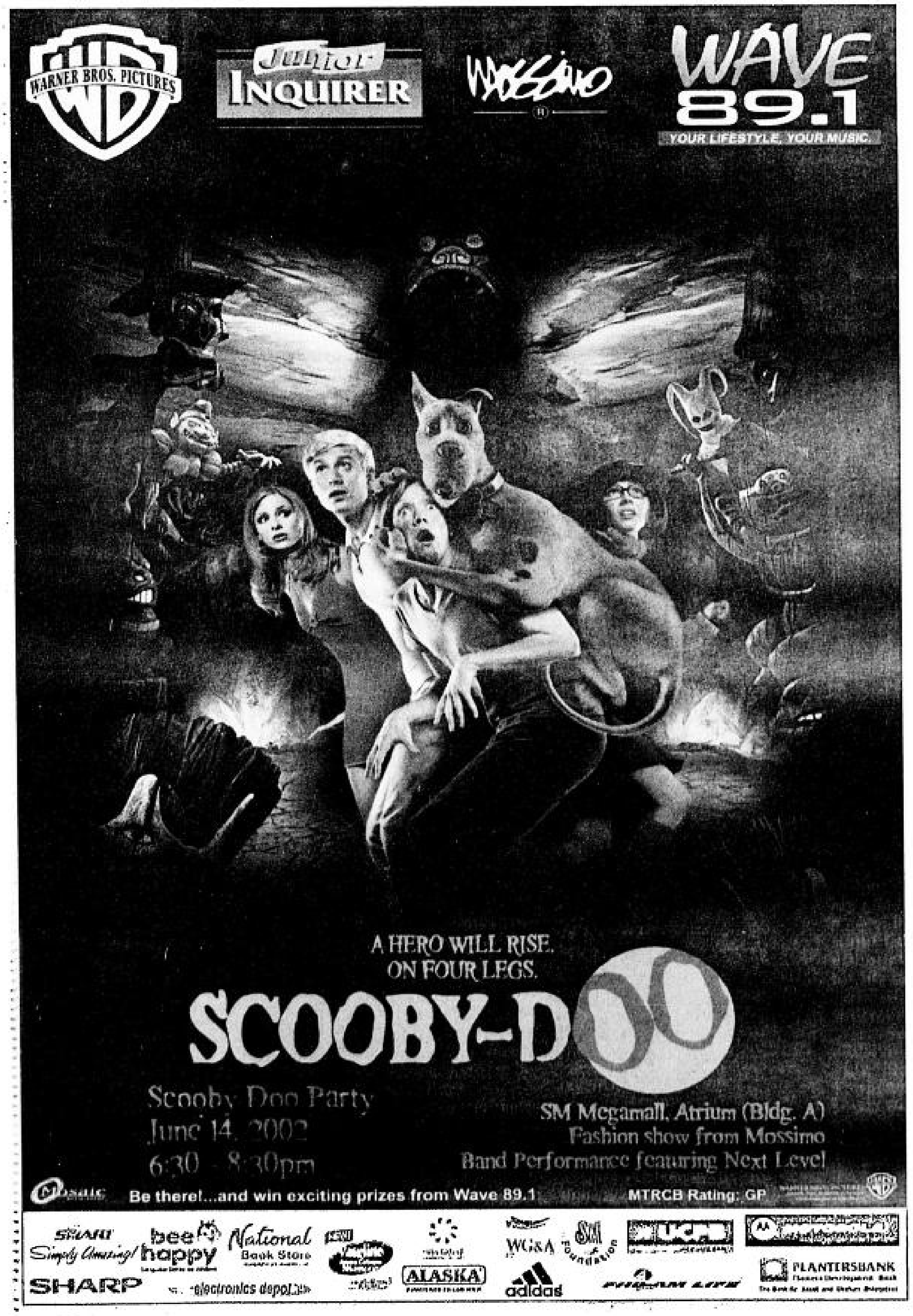
Lewis now has all the right to call himself the best fighter on the planet.

But all of us are also free to declare that we lived and worshiped in the Age of Ali.



# LK MISSING

FOUR-year-old Lian Karl Kenneth Reyes, nicknamed LK, has been missing since the afternoon of June 7. When last seen, he was in a shirt with yellow and gray stripes, green shorts and black slippers. If you know where he is, please call 853-2984, or bring him to 3041 Bayanihan St., Baclaran, Parañaque.



# 'Dead' janitor still alive . . .

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In a signed statement submitted to the Office of the Deputy Ombudsman last May 29, Mateo narrated that Rodrigo "Biboy" Tabing, Ignacio's driver-bodyguard up to the present, threatened to shoot him on Dec. 29, 1994 if he would not sign a blank paper.

Mateo said in his affidavit that he refused to sign the blank paper but he gave in when his wife, Rosalie Honrada, started to cry out of fear.

Mateo said he continued to work as janitor until January 1995, even while Tabing and his men "harassed and terrorized" him and his family, according to the statement from Maliksi's office.

It was only when Jaymalin found him recently that Mateo learned how his signature had been used against her, in a letter he purportedly wrote last December. He was supposed to have said in the letter that Jaymalin had forged his signature in a letter-complaint to the Civil Service Commission (CSC) on Sept 5, 1994.

Mateo said that in fact, he had sent a letter-complaint to the CSC but it was about his "illegal termination of service and non-payment of salaries."

Superintendent Ignacio had earlier filed a series of charges against Jaymalin at the then Department of Education, Culture & Sports (now Department of Education) as well as the CSC and the Ombudsman.

Save for the forgery case lodged against her before the Regional Trial Court in Imus, Jaymalin was cleared of all charges.

Jaymalin in turn filed charges against Ignacio before the Office of the Deputy Ombudsman, accusing her of "harassment and malicious persecution" and "misconduct."

In her counter-affidavit in response to Jaymalin's charges, Ignacio said "...the letter-complaint (Mateo's letter to the CSC) was baseless and motivated by malice, and (the) signature of Mateo was forged..."

"However," Ignacio added in her counter-affidavit, "I did not pursue anymore the above cases (of malicious mischief and forgery which Ignacio had first filed against Jaymalin with the Ombudsman) by reason of the untimely death of Mr. Mateo who is the principal and material witness in said cases."

According to the statement from Maliksi's office, when Ignacio appeared for the first time at the Ombudsman in a hearing last May 24, of Jaymalin's complaint against her, the schools superintendent reportedly went hysterical when she saw Mateo in the same room.

*"Hindi, patay ka na, patay ka na,"* the statement quoted Ignacio as telling Mateo at the Ombudsman's offices in Manila.

During their seven years in hiding, the Mateos lived in a small nipa with holes on the walls and the roof. The Mateos have five children aged 4 to 14.

Mateo's wife is expecting their sixth child in next month.

"They were not be able to kill me, but they did more than kill my family with the hardships and constant fear that we went through," said Mateo, in tears again. "I'm appealing to (Education) Secretary (Raul) Roco to return me to my job and to the Ombudsman to punish the guilty."

# Policemen bring . . .

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blow up his wife and son and himself with a Belgian grenade, Obico said.

Policemen cordoned off the area where Amba held his family hostage inside their shanty in a slum area along Maguindanao Avenue outside the Majarlika Village, said Obico.

He said Chief Insp. Abdul Wajab Karimudin acted as the negotiator and tried to convince the incoherent Amba to surrender his grenade and release his wife and son.

Amba refused to give up and insisted he wanted to die and take his family with him, police said.

About 9 p.m., members of the Special Weapons and Tactics group barged into the house when Amba, who appeared to be in a "very bad mood," attempted to remove the pin of the grenade, police said.

SWAT members SPO2 Francisco Baroña, PO3 Teodoro Bumbase, and PO3 Josel Peralta jumped at Amba and wrested the grenade from him, police said.

Amba's wife and child were unharmed, police said.

Police said they would file criminal charges against Amba who was detained at the Taguig police headquarters.

On May 31, Talvo took hostage 4-year-old Balala inside the Philtranco bus terminal on Apelo Street in Malibay, Pasay City.

Pasay City policemen and security guards failed to rescue the boy, shooting both the suspect and victim during the rescue attempt.

# Week-long celebration for The Library 'At 17'

TO MARK the 17th anniversary of The Library, Andrew de Real is throwing a party lasting a whole week.

De Real has lined up a series of events that starts on June 17 with the semi- autobiographical play "Room 69" which he wrote and directed, and in which he also co-stars with aspiring actor Danny Ramos.

The celebration, titled "At 17," continues all the way to June 23 with special shows featuring some of The Library's most popular stand-up comedy talents.

Performing on June 18 is Phillip Lazaro in his own show entitled "Philliplander" (inspired by the recent comedy flick "Zoolander"). He will be followed on June 19 by "Power of Three," featuring the triumvirate of Rey Kilay, Poca, and Martin Mijares.

June 20 will be a special night because it's the homecoming of one of The Library's favorite alumni, Allan K. Now a popular actor and a regular on "Eat Bulaga," Allan will star in "Nose Attack."

On June 21 and 22, De Real turns the spotlight on The Library's junior entertainers, talents that he has trained and whom he hopes will follow in the footsteps of Allan K., Arnel Ignacio, Ai-Ai de las Alas, Philip Lazaro and other famous Library alumni.

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On June 23, the week-long celebration will be capped by the giving of the Golden Book Award (the venue is, after all, a "library') to The Library's "Entertainer of the Year." The awardee is chosen through a vote by The Library staff, entertainers and regular customers.

Among the previous recipients of the Golden Book Award are Arnel, Ai-Ai, Allan K. and Philip.

For details and tickets to the 17th anniversary shows, call The Library at 522-2484.

# 'Amazing Nights' concert

LANI Misalucha teams up with Maestro Ryan Cayabyab in the fourth presentation of "Amazing Nights," 9:15 tomorrow night, June 13, at The Tent at The Fort.

Ryan is all praise for Lani whom he cites as the only local artist who can effortlessly go pop, jazz and even classical music.

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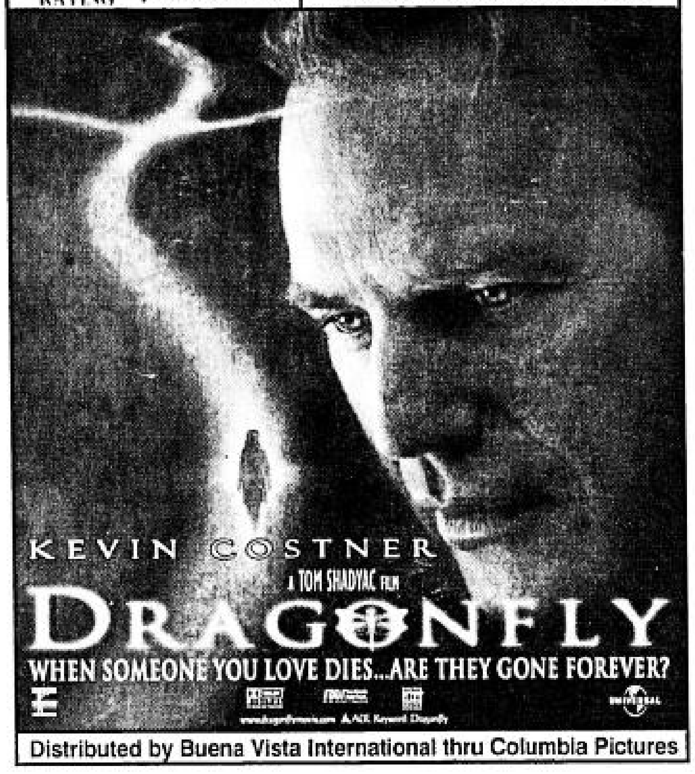

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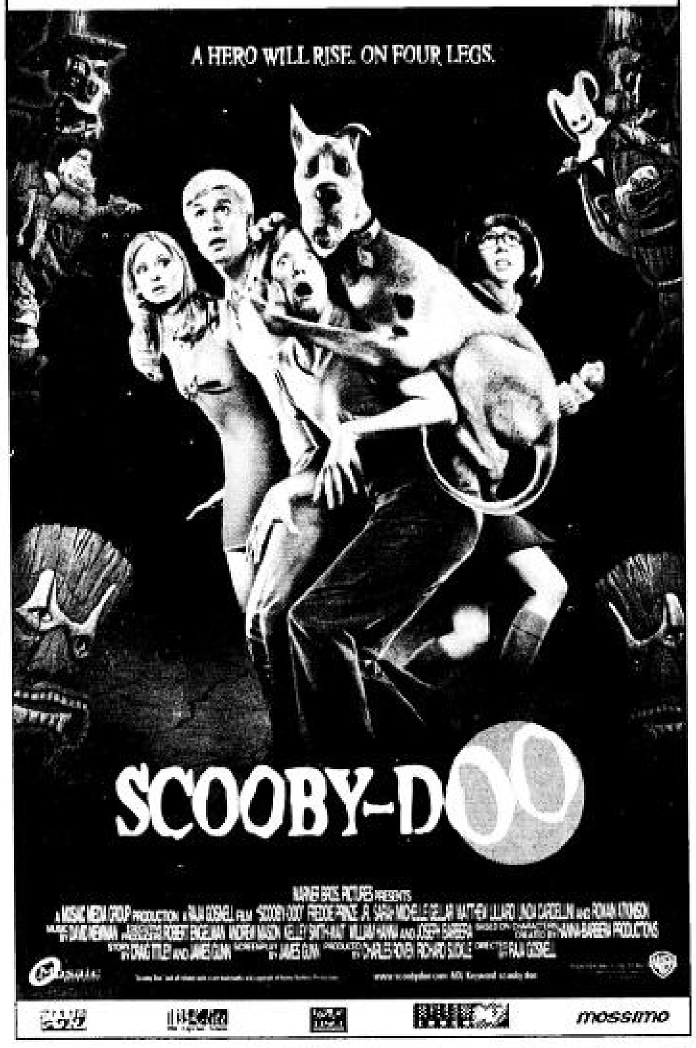
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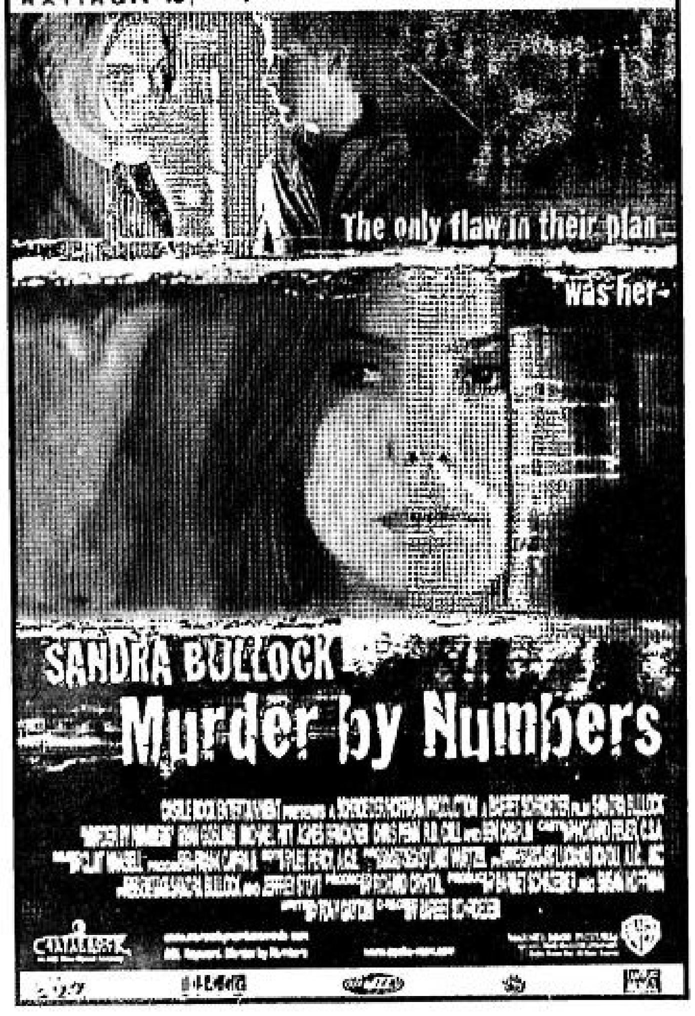

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# Preparations for McCartney wedding continue in Irish village

GLASLOUGH, Ireland—Under the gaze of an ever-growing camp of journalists and camera crews, organizers on Monday continued to prepare for the lavish wedding of former Beatle Paul McCartney and Heather Mills.

The couple, who arrived at the remote Irish castle in County Monaghan Sunday night, were scheduled to make an appearance at the heavily guarded gates of the estate at 4 p.m. (1600 GMT)

Spokesman Geoff Baker said the photocall was a thank you to fans and journalists who have camped outside the castle for several days.

As organizers put the finishing touches to decorations, some villagers in remote Glaslough near the Northern Ireland border complained that the celebrity couple were not supporting the local economy and criticized them for importing items for the ceremony.

Local florist Aileen Scott complained that flowers, including lilies and roses, had been specially shipped in from Holland.

"They are sourcing nothing at all at local level. Even the castle staff have been sent away so that they can bring in outsiders," she said.

Monaghan Chamber of Commerce executive director Joe Heron told the Dublin-based newspaper Ireland on Sunday: "We would like the goods to come from local suppliers. The castle is a significant part of the local economy."

Castle Leslie, which is now a luxury hotel, has been the center of frenzied media activity since reports of the wedding emerged last week.

Baker said McCartney, 59, and Mills, 34, will be married by a local priest on Tuesday at St. Salvator's church, within the estate, before throwing a lavish party for 300 guests at the castle.

Baker declined to say who would be attending the service or give any other details of the ceremony. But he did say that the couple will not spend the eve of their wedding together.

"That would be bad luck," Baker said.

According to The Sun newspaper, Eric Clapton, Ringo Starr, Sting and John Eastman—the brother of McCartney's late wife Linda—were due to attend the ceremony.

A giant marquee and dance floor have already been constructed along the side of a lake and a pontoon has been built with a luxury boat moored alongside.

The estate boasts about 1,000 acres of grounds and a helicopter landing pad—but the castle has no phones, clocks or TV in its 14 rooms.

McCartney and Mills—a model who lost a leg in a motorcycle accident nine years ago—met at a charity function, where she was raising money to oppose the use of land mines. The couple announced their engagement last July. **AP**

# Mega Moments with the Megastar

**SHARON Cuneta poses with fans during a mall tour.**

MEGASTAR Sharon Cuneta had a very busy first quarter for the year 2002, the highlight of which was a CD mall tour to promote her first international album, "All I Ever Want," under BMG Records Pilipinas.

The grueling eight-day marathon tour covered five SM Malls and the Tower Records Store in Glorietta.

As usual, Mega-Yaya Loreta "Luring" Benitez accompanied Sharon all throughout the metro-wide mall tour.

Yaya, in fact, was showered with cheers every time she wandered near the stage. The gray-haired septuagenarian has become a celebrity in her own right, especially now with the amazing recall of her new Fuji TV commercial with Sharon.

Yaya also had to dodge the attention of over-zealous fans who wanted to hug her and shake her hands.

During the mall tour, Yaya eventually gave away Fuji Film pocket calendars to adoring fans.

The mall tour was a rare chance for the Megastar to meet and greet her fans who gathered at SM North EDSA, SM Megamall, SM Fairview, Tower Records Glorietta, SM Bacoor and SM Las Piñas. Most of them asked for souvenir snapshots to be taken with their idol. Sharon always relented since she also wanted her own photos to be taken at every stop.

Yaya Luring brought along Sharon's camera, loaded with Fuji Film to record precious "Mega Moments" for posterity.

A concerned soul once asked Sharon: Doesn't she get tired, spending four and a half hours autographing tape and CD covers, not to mention posing and smiling for the fans, cameras all throughout the session?

Sharon's dedication was rewarded when she learned that "All I Ever Want" ranked No. 23 on the Top 30 charts of HMV music store in Hong Kong.

Her album was the only Asian CD on the chart, where No. 22 was Enrique Iglesias, No. 26 was West Life and the likes of Shakira, Sade, Pink and Alanis Morissette dominated the topnotch list.

Moreover, when she staged a concert at the Hong Kong Coliseum last May 12, the 12,000-seater venue was filled to the rafters.

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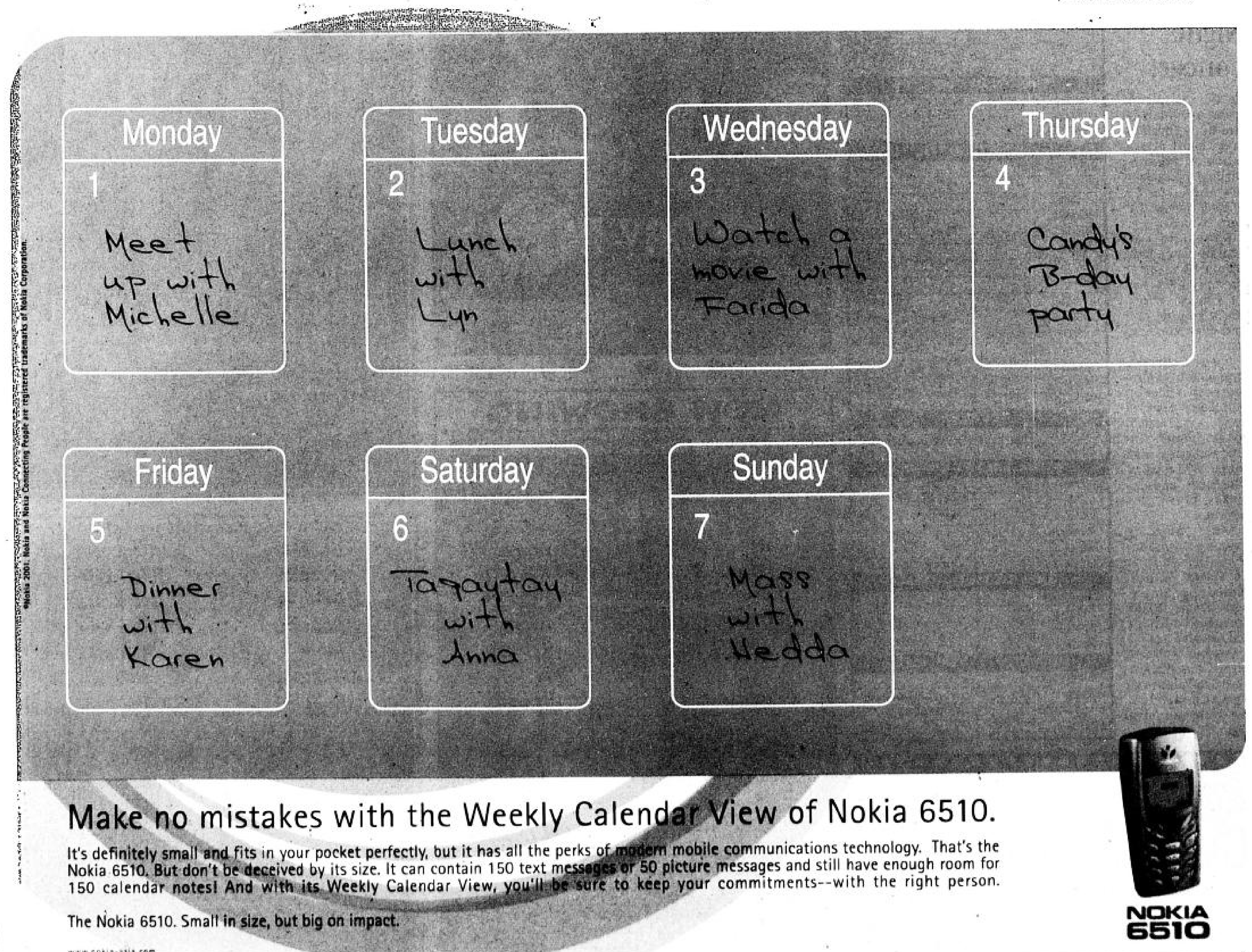

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KEATING

# Ronan revives country hit by Garth Brooks

BOUND to the music chart is Ronan Keating's "If Tomorrow Never Comes" from his second solo album, "Destination."

The cut is a rehash version of a big country hit recorded by Garth Brooks.

"I love this song. I've been dreaming of recording this song three years ago. I'm glad I finally did it in my latest album. I wanted to do it with Boyzone but the guys were not into it," says Ronan.

The sentimental lyrics of the song is what struck Ronan Keating the first time he heard it.

"It's very seldom that we encounter this type of song which is rich in lyrical content and melody that touches your heart," he says.

"If Tomorrow Never Comes" is a big leap to solo music stardom for Ronan Keating. It repositions Ronan as a more adult artist away from the boy band stereotype.

Going solo in the year 2000, Ronan is very happy his career remains is on the right track. He has established himself as a solo act with two hit singles—"When You Say Nothing at All" and "Life Is A Rollercoaster"—that sold an impressive 4.4 million copies all over the world.

EMINEM

# Eminen's latest album enters Billboard charts

EMINEM'S new album, "The Eminem Show," enters Billboard Top 200 albums at No. 1 with nearly 300,000 copies sold in the US after being in stores for only hours.

The debut marks an unprecedented event in the music industry. It is the first time an album has entered at the top slot without the benefit of a full first week of on-sale days. This was confirmed by Soundscan, the music retail tracking system in the US.

"I guess people couldn't wait to sell this record," says Steve Berman, Interscope Geffen A&M head of sales and marketing.

"I've seen this before but never at this scale. It's amazing. Basically, this is like a movie opening on a Sunday evening and being No. 1 at the box office. We had, at the most, a 36-hour window with limited public knowledge of availability."

Eminem has already sold more than 35 million albums worldwide for his two previous outings.

"The Eminem Show" is under Aftermath/Interscope label of MCA Universal, Inc.

In Manila, Eminem is creating a stir in the music market as the "Artist Pick" for June over Campus Radio 97.1 dwLS-FM

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# Ara: I cannot be sexy forever

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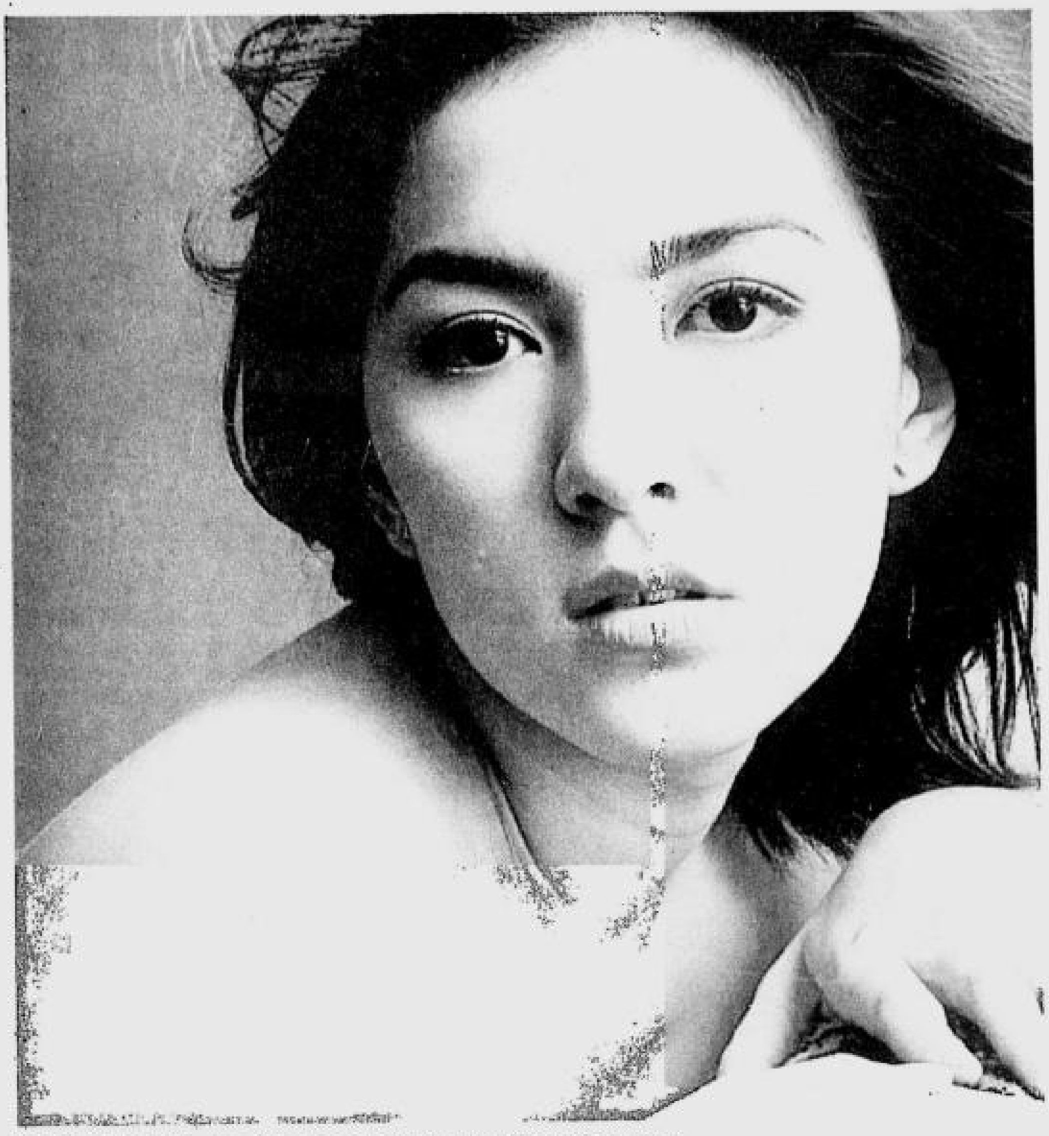

WORKING OUT. Ara Mina loses pounds and gains acting power.

**ARA Mina** is sexier these days, thanks to Dr. **Joel Mendez**, the whiz behind the Weigh Less Center who has been called a "miracle worker" for show biz stars.

Ara's sexiness ignites the screen again in her latest film, "Diskarte," where she stars with **Rudy Fernandez**.

Rudy immediately noticed the improvement in Ara's physique while they were doing the movie. "Diskarte," directed by **Edgardo "Boy" Vinarao**, marks the second teamup of Rudy and Ara after the action-drama "Palaban," shown a few years ago.

"She used to be a little chubby, but now *ang ganda ng katawan niya,*" Rudy says. "It was obvious she worked hard to achieve that body."

Rudy noticed not only Ara's eye-popping figure. He also took note of her acting depth. "She has displayed maturity in our new movie," he says. "You can tell that she's been working hard also to improve her acting."

In the mid-'90s, when she joined the youth-oriented show "That's Entertainment," she was all-wholesome, singing and dancing and not showing a clue of the sexy image she would later assume.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I see myself going sexy," Ara says now.

But she was ambitious. One sexy role was all that was needed, which she took on with courage, and that led to another, and another and another until Ara became one of the big screen's boldest sirens.

In "Diskarte," she plays an even sexier role—a night club dancer who sticks it out with an ex-convict (Rudy). She figures in sizzling love scenes with Rudy, who describes them as "a bit wild."

Because of these scenes, "Diskarte" merited an R-18 rating, restricted to adult viewers.

Ara, however, is not worried that she has been doing mostly sexy roles in her movies. On TV, she does comedy on the GMA 7 gag show, "Bubble Gang" and the sitcom, "Kiss Muna." She has even tried her hand at recording and has released a solo album.

Ara believes in versatility for a star. "You cannot be sexy forever," she says. "I want to hone my acting skills some more so I can play really serious and challenging roles."

### Lance reinvented

AFTER his critically acclaimed stage debut in Bulwagang Gantimpala's production of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," where he played the male lead, **Lance Raymundo** reinvents himself anew.

RAYMUNDO

He took a month-long break in the United States, where he muscled up by training with Hollywood fitness instructor Joey Luna. He also honed his musical skills by collaborating with a number of California-based musicians. Now, he's armed and ready to return to the highly competitive world of music.

Lance entered the business as a boy-next-door type eager to make it big as a singer, following in the footsteps of his elder brother Rannie. His good looks easily got him into modeling, which was a stepping stone to where he is now.

After his US trip, Lance is ready to deliver a new and more hard-edged type of music. He has also changed his image. He grew his short hair into a sexily messed up mop that makes him look ruggedly handsome. His physical training also paid off. The boy next door is now a grown man.

When asked about how much his musical style has changed over the year, Lance insists he is merely going back to where he really wanted to be since day one.

"I've always been into the rougher and sexier kind of music," Lance says. "I have almost a hundred such songs that I had been wanting to release when I first signed a record deal, but I had to keep them in the vault to make way for some of the more tried and tested pop sounds."

Lance does not regret the road he has taken.

"I would never have made it in the business if I had been too stubborn," he admits. "I'll do whatever is best for now in order to pave the way for better things."

He is busy preparing demos for his new recording project. He is also scouting for musicians who can match his eclectic musical tastes.

After proving his worth over the past two years, he is now enjoying the freedom of doing what he wants to do artistically.

Lance will showcase his newly reinforced skills as a performer in the concert "Bliss."

What can the audience expect in his show?

"I'll sing songs from some of my favorite bands," Lance offers. "I'll also be taking the crowd into a time warp by singing dance hits from the '70s, '80s and '90s. I'll complete the show with ballads for the ladies."

"Bliss" goes onstage at 10 p.m. on Friday, June 14 at Southern Bulls in Timog, Quezon City.

# Live Station: High spirits, low prices

NOT ALL comedy clubs will make you laugh.

In Quezon City, for instance. The place owned by a noontime comedian often features funny hosts, but it becomes very uncomfortable when the place gets crowded. Another popular place on the same street is also often crowded, too crowded for comfort. And a third one has terrible service.

These places have funny people, but they also have a couple of other things in common. You often have to park on the street. And you pay a cover charge, even if you later find yourself packed cheek by jowl with many other people.

Live Station Comedy Bar and Club has one but not the other. It has a lot of parking space, and it collects no cover charge. And that's just outside. This newest addition to the growing number of comedy clubs in the metropolis is located on the second floor of the Prince Entertainment Plaza Building along West Avenue. Inside, Live Station boasts of the newest in audio equipment, guaranteed to make even shy, non- singers sound like seasoned crooners or divas.

Live Station can comfortably accommodate 400 people. But what's most striking about Live Station are the performers. A good night at Live Station is always alive with their funny antics, their wit and humor, as well as their show-stopping singing.

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# Troy . . .

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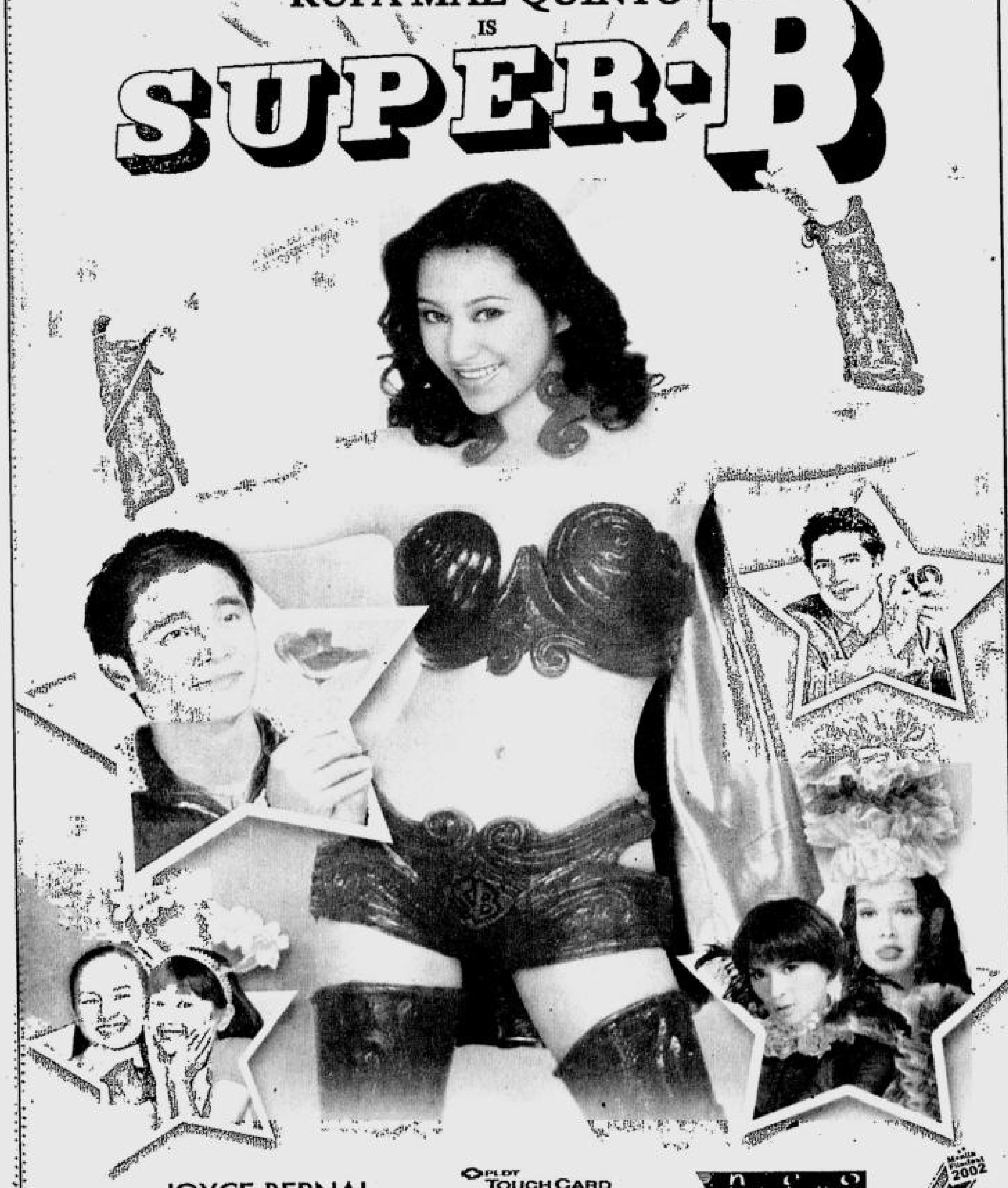
inspired television show called "Subic."

It was the start of a beautiful friendship. When "Super B" was conceived, Rufa Mae personally asked the Viva bosses to include Troy in the cast. She also personally asked Troy to consider the role.

While filming "Super B," an official entry in the ongoing Manila Film Festival, Troy said he had a rough time doing the flying scenes with Rufa because both of them had to be tied to a crane to simulate flight.

"It looks good and easy on the screen, but filming it was not fun," he says of the special effects in the movie directed by Joyce Bernal.

Rufa Mae sees Troy as a true gentleman. With Troy around, she says, chivalry is not dead.



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# Focus on Asian cinema

**VIEWFINDER**

*Nestor U. Torre*

THE local film scene is reeling from flagrant and unscrupulous piracy—but it looks like we aren't alone. In Malaysia, pirated video discs of "Star Wars: Episode II—Attack of the Clones" were already being hawked in the streets three days before the film opened its official run in Kuala Lumpur.

Pirated video discs sell at 5 ringgit (US $1.30). They continue to be sold despite repeated crackdowns. Sounds familiar?

The problem has become so huge in Asia that a Filipino filmmaker recently urged his colleagues to stop dissipating their energies on other causes, and to concentrate exclusively on battling film piracy, until it is licked.

He observed that producers, distributors and theater owners now lose about 30 percent of their expected income to film pirates, and that spells the difference between profit and loss. That's why, he said, the problem has to be solved before it bankrupts the entire industry.

More heartening film news from Thailand: That country's blockbuster epic, "Suriyothai," has been readied for international audiences by **Francis Ford Coppola**, who has cut his longtime . friend Thai director **Chatrichalerm Yukol**'s film from 185 minutes to 150 minutes.

The new version of "Suriyothai" will be distributed worldwide by Coppola's company. The movie will be shown with English subtitles. The movie's budget was US$15 million, but it could end up making money on its international release, like' 'Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"

It is hoped that other Thai films will soon be distributed for screening abroad, particularly in the United States and Europe.

Meanwhile, a Hong Kong film, "Shaolin Soccer," topbilling action-comedy star **Stephen Chiau**, has been shown in South Korea, and is currently being screened in 240 theaters in Japan, a record for Hong Kong movies. The hit film will also be released in the States by Miramax.

The Asian film circuit is another venue that Filipino movies can explore. The profits aren't as big as in the United States, but they are still quite substantial. For example, **Marilou Diaz-Abaya**'s "Jose Rizal" has had a long run at the prestigious Iwanami Hall in Tokyo, Japan, and another movie by Abaya could be shown there this year.

What about a "cross-pollination" between Asian filmmakers? An instance of this is the hiring of Thai director **Chalong Phakdeevichit** to direct the Cambodian film, "Khmer Taek," to be sponsored by the Royal Palace. The movie will show the outside influences on the Cambodian war in the late '70s.

Filipino directors have also shot films produced by other countries. For instance, **Ramon Estella** made movies in Malaysia. And other local film workers have trained artists in other Asian countries in the craft and art of cinema.

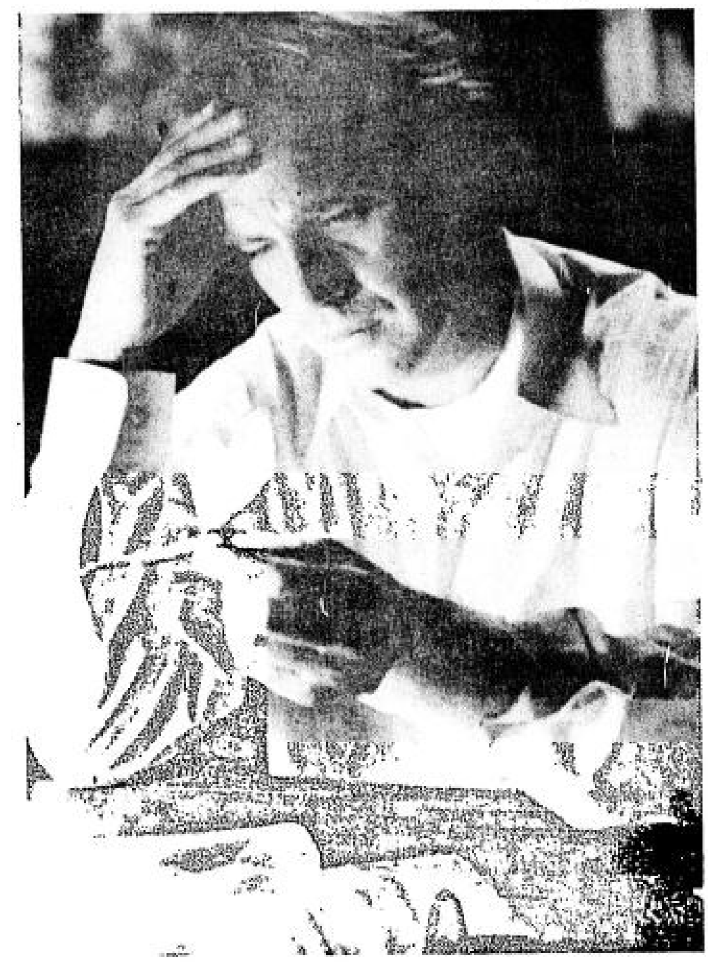
Finally, the Japanese film "Spirited Away" was the first animated feature to win the top prize at the Berlin Film Festival, but its maker, **Hayao Miyazaki**, is far from sanguine about the future of the animation industry in his country.

He decried the industry's copycat attitude and practices, and the strong violence and sexual content of the animated movies it produces. He also rues the fact that viewing animated movies is taking so much time away, which could be used by Japanese kids for less passive pursuits.

### 'Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood'

THAT unusual title refers to the new comedy-drama from first-time director **Callie Khouri**, starring **Sandra Bullock** as a prominent young playwright who has a fight with her mother (**Ellen Burstyn**) that threatens to destroy their relationship. It could also derail her wedding to a man who has waited seven years for her to get over her fear of raising a family of her own.

Burstyn's old friends (**Shirley Knight**, **Maggie Smith** and **Fionulla Flanagan**) step in to restore peace between mother and daughter.



**COSTNER** wings it as a widowed doctor.

## 'DRAGONFLY'

# Winged messages from beyond

**By Ruben M. Cruz Jr.**

**REVIEW**

"HONEY, I'm home" is usually a nice, comforting phrase to hear when you're a husband, all alone in bed. But when it is crazily being mouthed off by your usually docile parrot in the middle of the night, and when you're wife has been dead for over six months, nice and comforting it certainly is not.

This is just one of the strange and rather nerve-racking occurrences that make up "Dragonfly," the latest supernatural thriller to feature a big name in Hollywood, after "The Sixth Sense" with Bruce Willis, "The Mothman Prophecies" with Richard Gere, "What Lies Beneath" with Harrison Ford and Michelle Pfeiffer, "The Others" with Nicole Kidman, the upcoming "Signs" with Mel Gibson. . . you get the picture.)

In "Dragonfly" we have Kevin Costner playing Dr. Joe Darrow, the head of a prestigious Chicago hospital's emergency room whose wife Emily, also a doctor, is killed in an accident while caring for needy children in the jungles of Venezuela.

After a futile, month-long search for Emily's body, Joe tries to move on unsuccessfully with his life. Still very much on the edge, he throws himself into his work and makes some questionable judgments in the hospital, prompting fellow staffers, friends and the hospital administrator (Joe Burton) to urge him to take a long sabbatical, with the latter making it an ultimatum.

### Unsettling

Taking a break should be simple enough were it not for certain unsettling experiences. First, Emily's favorite dragonflies (she bore a dragonfly birthmark, or at least a faint image of one on her shoulder) start showing up. Her dragonfly paperweight suddenly moves on its own accord. A real dragonfly starts hanging out by the kitchen window. Then two patients at the pediatric oncology ward where Emily used to work come back from near-death experiences with messages for Joe to meet her "in the rainbow." They also keep drawing the same squiggly cross, which Joe cannot understand.

Is Emily trying to send him a message from beyond? For a Pinoy, the answer would be a hands-down, all-affirmative, "Yes, of course, what else is happening?"

But the film has to ramble on for another half-hour or so before Joe finally "gets it." Joe is painted as a true-blue skeptic who does not think there is something beyond death. The writers want us to believe that because Joe is a doctor, he has to be rational about everything, and so he and his doctor-friends and his family of doctors argue about the scientific plausibility of his manifestations.

### Tedious

The arguments of his lawyer-friend (Kathy Bates) pretty much run along the same lines. Joe, I'm a lawyer, I rely on evidence...blah, blah, blah. It's as if doctors and lawyers can't be believers.

All this rationalizing gets to be a little too tedious, and the writers resort to giving us Hallmark-like flashbacks about what it was like between Joe and Emily, perhaps as melodramatic intermissions to break the monotony. I can't believe it took three writers to come up with this screenplay.

But writers (I don't care enough to mention their names), you've already established that Joe is the husband tormented by his wife's tragic death in the first 10 minutes of the film. We get it. You don't have to suffocate us with sentimental goo.

### Dark colors

"Dragonfly," after all, is billed as a supernatural thriller. And it's when the film sticks to being a ghost story that it actually works.

We know that Joe and Emily love each other, and so the latter should be a friendly ghost, but several scenes are still able to deliver some genuine scares that are just perfect for front row-last screening audiences.

Director Tom Shadyac seems to have practically adapted the dark colors used by his predecessors in "Sixth Sense" and "The Mothman Prophecies." He also makes sure there are plenty of the usual ghost story elements (mysterious noises, flickering light bulbs, darkened hallways, etc.). There is even one scene that could very well have been M. Night Shyamalan's: a spookily sensitive conversation between Linda Hunt, playing a nun who's done extensive

Research in near-death experiences, and Costner's Joe inside a chapel illuminated only by blue candle lights.

### Redemption

The film's dramatic windup drains much of the scare potential. In the end, all roads lead to Joe's spiritual redemption—the better perhaps to appreciate the philosophical issues about life after death, which the film wants us to ponder (and which we have and still do even without "Dragonfly").

The development cannot be complete, of course, without the life-affirming climax.

Costner is effective playing the plodding, angst-ridden male hero, but then again, he's had plenty of practice in the role. The supporting cast is solid with Burton and the two previous Oscar-winners, Hunt and Bates.

"Dragonfly" is still worth seeing even when you believe you have all the answers about the afterlife.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

Editor **Louie C. Camino**

## Troy on the women in his life

**By Remy M. Umerez**

WHEN Troy Montero broke up with his show biz girlfriend, the tabloids at once branded the American-Filipino hunk a "womanizer."

"It was unfair," Troy says. "They don't know the real Troy. I only had two serious relationships in my entire stay in the Philippines, and because they didn't work out, they would call me (a womanizer)?

"They don't know what happened in those seven months that we were in love. I still cherish the good memories, and there were plenty. I am still a conservative, old-fashioned fellow, when it comes to love."

Celebrities who had been linked to Troy include Charlene Gonzales, Pops Fernandez and Kris Aquino.

But Troy insists they are his true friends in show biz—no more, no less.

"Pops and Kris and myself consider ourselves as *barkada*," he says. "We used to see movies together and dine out. I can depend on them whenever I am feeling low.

"Pops is such a good listener and has all the advice for any kind of problem. It sounds very show biz whenever I say we are the closest of friends, but I am telling you, we are. We also have the same manager."

Troy describes Kris as "an absolute delight, always the cheerful one."

"The trait I admire most in (Kris) is her loyalty," he said. "When she considers you a friend, consider yourself very lucky. She will always be there to defend you."

Nowadays, Troy is so into his career that he has no time to fall in love. Nor has he the time to learn how to speak Tagalog, which his detractors claim is the main reason why film offers have not been pouring for him.

The last movie Troy appeared in was "Eto Na Naman Ako," playing the *contravida* boyfriend of Vina Morales. He said he enjoyed playing the part of a bad guy.

In his latest movie, Neo Films' "Super B," he is cast as a photographer who falls in love with the super-heroine played by Rufa Mae Quinto.

Rufa Mae and Troy once worked together in a Baywatch-

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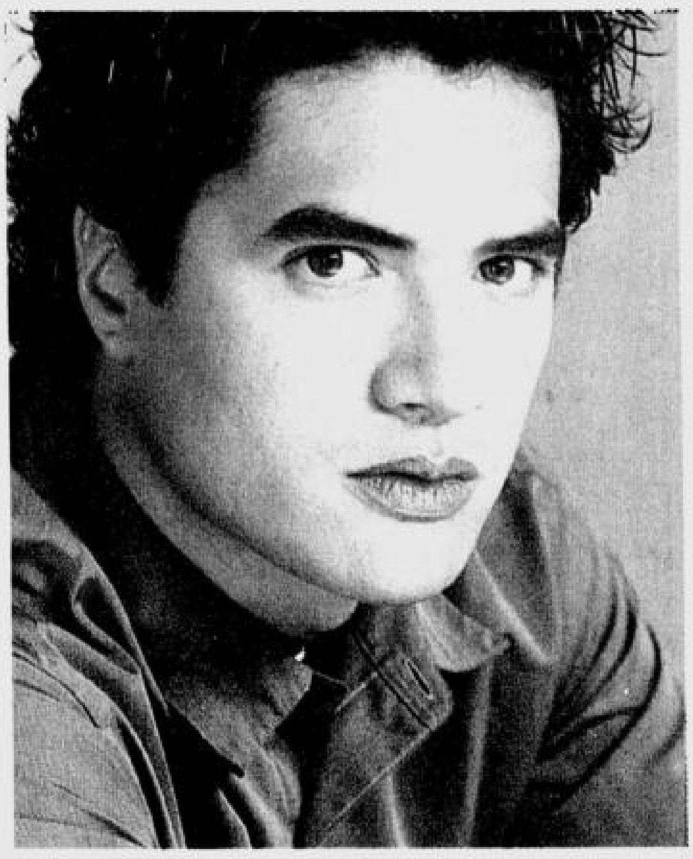
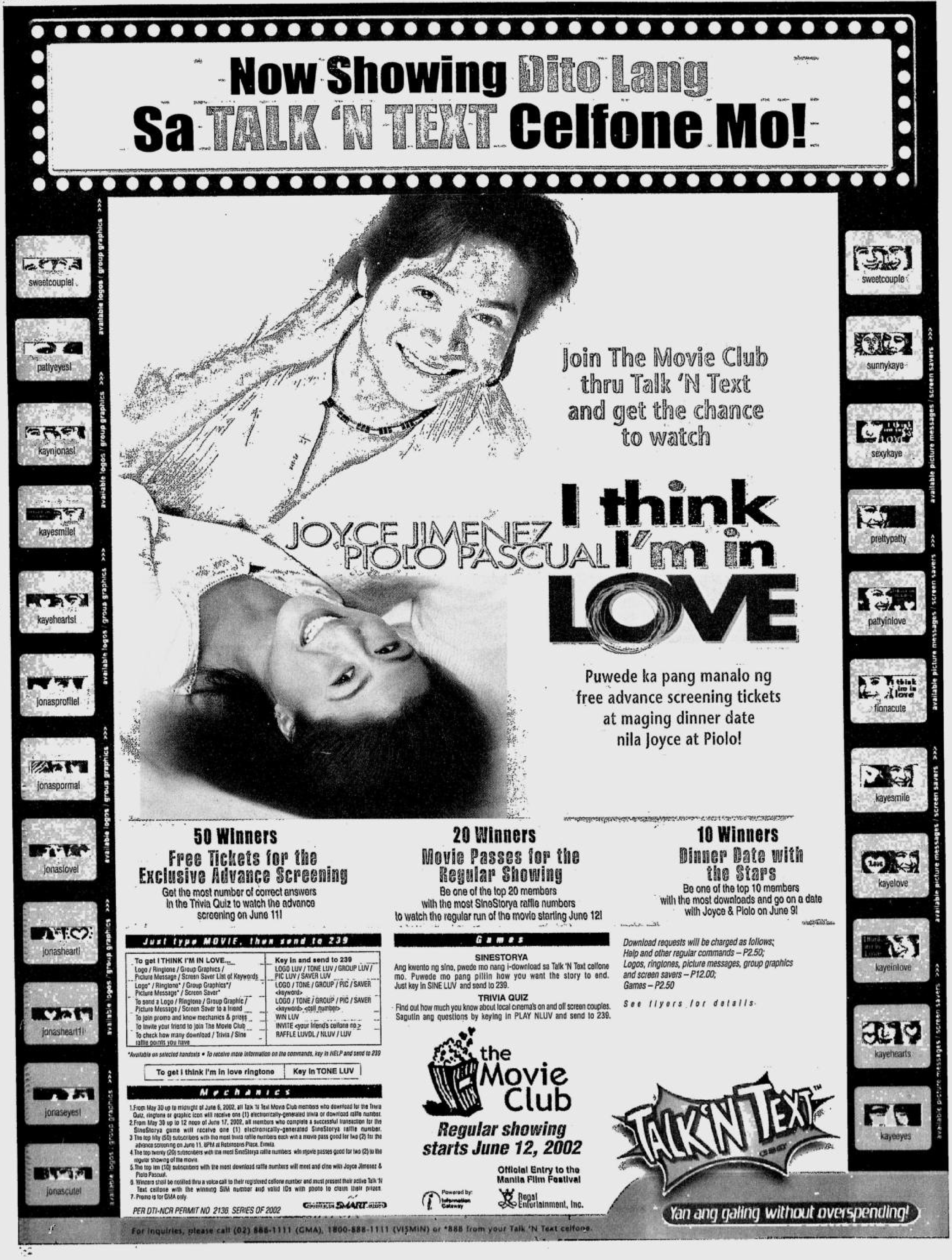


**OLD-FASHIONED.** Montero says he is a conservative in love.



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# Gov't lowers inflation, exchange rate targets

*Tables turn on corporate raider*
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By Clarissa S. Batino

**THE MACAPAGAL administration has revised its interest rate, inflation and foreign exchange rate targets to better reflect the stable commodity prices, lower cost of the government's borrowings, and a stronger peso.**

Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho yesterday announced that the economic team has adjusted its inflation target to a range of 4.5 to 5.5 percent from 5 to 6 percent.

The government has also lowered its average 91-day treasury bill rate projection to a range of 7 to 8 percent from 9.5-10.5 percent and the exchange rate forecast to between P50 and P51 to a dollar from P51-P52.

Camacho said the government also agreed to adopt the forecast made by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas that export receipts would grow by 4 percent this year compared to an earlier projection of flat growth.

Inflation had averaged 3.6 percent in the first five months of the year while the 91-day treasury bill yield continued to remain low at 4.778 percent as of last Monday despite having risen for three straight auctions from a record low of 4.229 percent.

The peso has managed to recover to below 49 to $1 but went back to the mid-'50s rate after the market reacted negatively to the Senate leadership crisis last week.

Changing the targets would guide the economic team in drafting the numbers for next year and also help in deciding, for instance, whether or not to change the collection target

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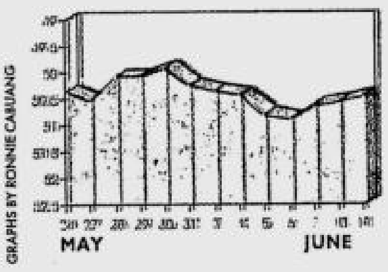

### PESO-DOLLAR RATE

**₱ 50.445 = $1**
As of 5 p.m., June 11, 2002

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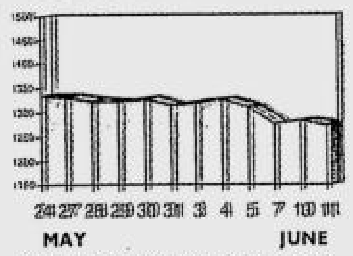

*(See stock market report on Page B2)*

## Shares end lower

STOCKS limped to a lower close in light trade yesterday, weighed by a further reversal of fortunes for index heavyweight PLDT, traders said.

The country's largest telecom carrier ended down P5, or 1.17 percent, at P422.5, as investors turned twitchy ahead of its annual stockholders' meeting later yesterday.

Uncertainty over the outcome of a potential battle for control of the firm weighed on sentiment, traders said.

The Gokongwei business group and First Pacific Co. have agreed to form a joint-venture holding the Hong Kong conglomerate's Philippine telecom and property assets, but the PLDT board is opposing the deal.

"They are a little bit jittery over what's going to happen and that's been reflected in the volatile trading in the stock over the past few days," UCPB Trust fund manager Vanessa Lim said.

The main index closed down 10.44 points, or 0.81 percent, at 1,274.36 points. *Reuters*

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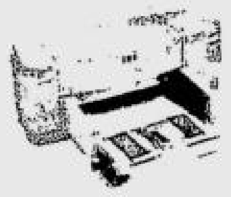

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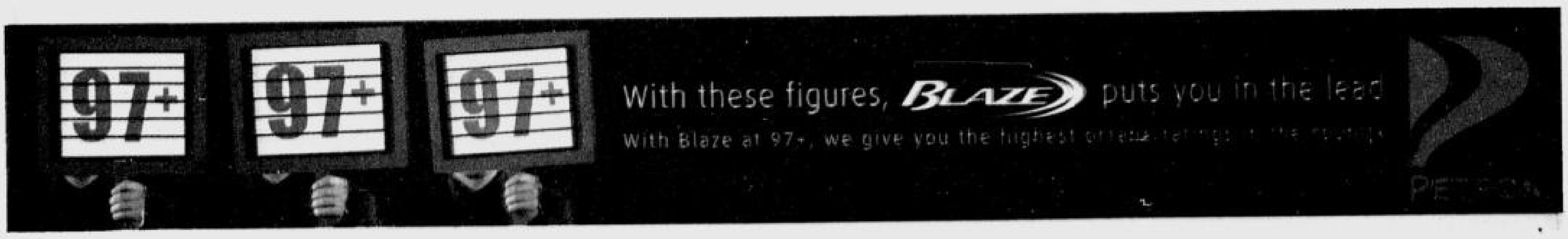
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| STOCKS | OPEN | HIGH | LOW | CLOSE | VOLUME |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES** | | | | | |
| **BANKS** | | | | | |
| Asiatrust Dev. Bank Inc. | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 26,000 |
| Banco de Oro Univ. Bank | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 1,643,600 |
| Banco Filipino Sav & Mort. | 90 | 100 | 90 | 100 | 5,300 |
| Bank of the Phil. Islands | 56 | 56 | 55 | 55 | 83,800 |
| China Banking Corp. | 635 | 635 | 635 | 635 | 200 |
| Citystate Savings Bank | 14.25 | 14.25 | 14.25 | 14.25 | 2,000 |
| Equitable PCI Bank Inc. | 37 | 37.5 | 37 | 37 | 120,800 |
| First E-Bank Corp. | 1.68 | 1.68 | 1.68 | 1.68 | 96,000 |
| Metropolitan Bank & Trust | 36.5 | 37.5 | 36.5 | 36.5 | 81,500 |
| Philippine National Bank | 37.5 | 37.5 | 36.5 | 37.5 | 46,900 |
| Union Bank of the Phil. | 23.25 | 23.25 | 23 | 23 | 8,300 |
| **FINANCIAL SERVICE** | | | | | |
| Filipino Fund Inc. | 0.37 | 0.37 | 0.37 | 0.37 | 10,000 |
| Sun Life Financial Serv. | 1140 | 1140 | 1140 | 1140 | 1,320 |
| **COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL** | | | | | |
| **COMMUNICATION** | | | | | |
| ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp. | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 15,200 |
| Digital Telecom Phils. Inc. | 0.72 | 0.72 | 0.72 | 0.72 | 2,650,000 |
| Globe Telecom Inc. | 650 | 650 | 650 | 650 | 140 |
| Island Info and Tech Inc. | 0.037 | 0.037 | 0.037 | 0.037 | 1,000,000 |
| Piltel | 0.38 | 0.38 | 0.35 | 0.38 | 1,830,000 |
| Phil. Long Dis Tel Co. | 422.5 | 430 | 420 | 422.5 | 82,860 |
| Ivantage Corp. | 0.48 | 0.48 | 0.48 | 0.48 | 110,000 |
| Philweb.Com Inc. | 0.016 | 0.016 | 0.015 | 0.016 | 71,600,000 |
| **POWER & ENERGY** | | | | | |
| Manila Electric Co. B | 34.5 | 35 | 34 | 34.5 | 296,100 |
| Petron Corp. | 1.72 | 1.74 | 1.7 | 1.72 | 1,606,000 |
| Salcon Power Corp. | 1.58 | 1.58 | 1.52 | 1.52 | 40,000 |
| Trans-Asia Oil and Energy | 0.94 | 0.95 | 0.94 | 0.95 | 46,240,000 |
| **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES** | | | | | |
| Asian Terminals Inc. | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 49,000 |
| Int'l Container Term'l Sv | 2.42 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.42 | 2,054,000 |
| William, Gothong & Aboitiz | 2.26 | 2.26 | 2.26 | 2.26 | 32,000 |
| **CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS** | | | | | |
| Phil Nat'l Const. Corp. | 3.05 | 3.05 | 3.05 | 3.05 | 50,000 |
| Republic Glass Hldg. Corp. | 1.74 | 1.8 | 1.72 | 1.8 | 109,000 |
| Union Cement Corp. | 0.71 | 0.71 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 30,000 |
| **FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO** | | | | | |
| Alaska Milk Corp. | 2.26 | 2.26 | 2.26 | 2.26 | 50,000 |
| Jollibee Foods Corp. | 13.25 | 13.25 | 13.25 | 13.25 | 60,000 |
| La Tondeña Distillers Inc. | 33.5 | 34 | 33.5 | 34 | 70,000 |
| RFM Corp. | 1.16 | 1.16 | 1.12 | 1.12 | 2,166,000 |
| San Miguel Corp. A | 48 | 48.5 | 47.5 | 48.5 | 156,200 |
| San Miguel Corp. B | 56.5 | 57.5 | 56.5 | 57 | 149,800 |
| **HOLDING FIRMS** | | | | | |
| Abacus Con Res & Hdg A | 0.34 | 0.34 | 0.34 | 0.34 | 60,000 |
| Ayala Corp. | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 832,000 |
| Alsons Cons. Res. Inc. | 0.13 | 0.13 | 0.13 | 0.13 | 200,000 |
| Aboitiz Equity Ventures | 2.34 | 2.34 | 2.32 | 2.32 | 352,000 |
| Ajo.Net Holdings Inc. | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 100,000 |
| Alcorn Gold Res. Corp. | 0.0075 | 0.0075 | 0.0075 | 0.0075 | 5,000,000 |
| ATN Holdings Inc. | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 10,000 |
| Benpres Holdings Corp. | 0.51 | 0.51 | 0.51 | 0.51 | 1,100,000 |
| First Phil Hldgs Corp. | 23 | 23.25 | 23 | 23.25 | 12,500 |
| J.G. Summit Holdings Inc. | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.68 | 1.68 | 8,253,000 |
| Marsteel Cons. Inc. A | 0.013 | 0.013 | 0.013 | 0.013 | 1,800,000 |
| Megaworld Corp. | 0.79 | 0.79 | 0.77 | 0.78 | 300,000 |
| Multitech Inv. Corp. | 0.48 | 0.5 | 0.48 | 0.5 | 110,000 |
| Metro Pacific Corp. | 0.33 | 0.34 | 0.32 | 0.34 | 6,610,000 |
| Philtread Holdings Corp. | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 20,000 |
| **MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING** | | | | | |
| Active Alliance Inc. | 0.38 | 0.38 | 0.38 | 0.38 | 10,000 |
| SPI Technologies Inc. | 9.8 | 9.8 | 9.5 | 9.5 | 42,000 |
| **HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE** | | | | | |
| Belle Corp. | 0.38 | 0.38 | 0.37 | 0.37 | 460,000 |
| Fairmont Holdings Inc. | 0.47 | 0.47 | 0.47 | 0.47 | 50,000 |
| Philippine Racing Club | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 34,000 |
| **BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS** | | | | | |
| DMCI Holdings Inc.-Pref. | 775 | 775 | 775 | 775 | 500 |
| PLDT (10% Pref) Series W | 10.75 | 10.75 | 10.75 | 10.75 | 1,400 |
| **PROPERTY** | | | | | |
| Ayala Land Inc. | 6.2 | 6.3 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 31,398,000 |
| Cityland Development Corp. | 2 | 2.02 | 2 | 2.02 | 200,000 |
| Cebu Holdings Inc. | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 10,000 |
| Cyber Bay Corp. | 0.34 | 0.34 | 0.34 | 0.34 | 500,000 |
| Empire East Land Inc. | 0.26 | 0.27 | 0.25 | 0.27 | 2,170,000 |
| Filinvest Land Inc. | 2.55 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.55 | 5,035,000 |
| Highlands Prime Leisure | 1.72 | 1.72 | 1.72 | 1.72 | 3,000 |
| City & Land Developers | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 10,000 |
| MRC Allied Ind. Inc. | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 500,000 |
| SM Development Corp. | 0.89 | 0.89 | 0.89 | 0.89 | 50,000 |
| SM Prime Holdings Inc. | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 4,291,000 |
| Universal Rightfield Prop. | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 200,000 |
| **MINING** | | | | | |
| Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't. | 1.32 | 1.32 | 1.32 | 1.32 | 382,000 |
| Itogon-Suyoc Mines Inc. | 0.039 | 0.04 | 0.039 | 0.04 | 2,500,000 |
| Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co. A | 0.21 | 0.21 | 0.205 | 0.205 | 1,970,000 |
| Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co. B | 0.22 | 0.22 | 0.215 | 0.215 | 630,000 |
| Philex Mining Corp. B | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 130,000 |
| **OIL** | | | | | |
| Imperial Res. | 0.015 | 0.015 | 0.014 | 0.014 | 7,500,000 |
| Interport Res. | 0.0034 | 0.0034 | 0.0034 | 0.0034 | 5,000,000 |
| Oriental Pet. & Min. A | 0.0032 | 0.0032 | 0.0032 | 0.0032 | 111,000,000 |
| South China Resources Inc. | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 20,000 |

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|---|---|---|
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| Comm'l & Ind'l | 155,803,700 | 147,591,960.00 |
| PRO | 44,367,000 | 227,219,010.00 |
| Mining | 5,612,000 | 1,184,890.00 |
| OIL | 123,520,000 | 485,700.00 |
| GRAND TOTALS: | 331,428,420 | 425,866,315.00 |

**AVERAGES**

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|---|---|---|
| Banks & Fin Svc | 520.65 | DOWN 3.66 |
| Comm'l & Ind'l | 1,764.91 | DOWN 13.64 |
| PRO | 534.30 | DOWN 4.13 |
| Mining | 1,319.84 | DOWN 46.77 |
| OIL | 1.23 | DOWN 0.06 |
| All Shares Index | 747.43 | DOWN 3.05 |
| Composite | 1,274.36 | DOWN 10.44 |

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# Gov't lowers . . .

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of the Bureau of Internal Revenue. The BIR should raise P447.6 billion this year.

"We decided to revise these macroeconomic numbers to better reflect the reality. But the other targets like the economic growth as well as on the revenue and expenditure side are unchanged," Camacho said.

The Development Budget Coordinating Committee would review the fiscal targets in the second half.

The finance secretary said the economic team decided to maintain a modest growth target for the gross domestic product as well as for the gross national product, the two important measures of economic growth.

This year, the government is looking to improve the GDP by 4 to 4.5 percent and GNP by 4.5 to 5 percent. The difference between the GDP and GNP is normally credited to net factor income from abroad or mostly dollar remittances of overseas workers.

"We want to stay conservative with our GDP target. We are more confident of meeting the growth targets now given the first-quarter results and the positive changes to the macro numbers," Camacho said. GDP growth in the first quarter stood at 3.8 percent while GNP expanded by 4.9 percent.

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

**TO ALL SHAREHOLDERS:**

Please be informed that the Annual Stockholders' Meeting of **SOUTHEAST ASIA CEMENT HOLDINGS INC.** ("Seacem") shall be held at The Manila Peninsula, on Wednesday, **26 June 2002**, at 9:00 o'clock in the morning, for the following purposes:

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Notice and Quorum
3. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the **27 June 2001** Stockholders' Meeting
4. Management Report
5. Approval of Audited Financial Statement as of 31 December 2001
6. Ratification of all acts, resolutions and proceedings of the Board of Directors and of Management, done in the ordinary course of business as of 2001
7. Election of Directors
8. Appointment of External Auditors
9. Other matters
10. Adjournment

The Board of Directors of Seacem has fixed the RECORD DATE for stockholders entitled to vote at this annual meeting to be on **27 May 2002.**

Stockholders who will not be able to attend the meeting may designate their respective proxies and send the proxy forms to the Office of the Corporate Secretary not later than **19 June 2002.**

Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. on the scheduled meeting. For your convenience in registering your attendance, please have some form of identification such as your Professional I.D., Passport, or Driver's License.

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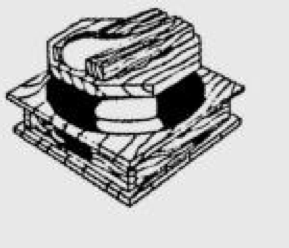

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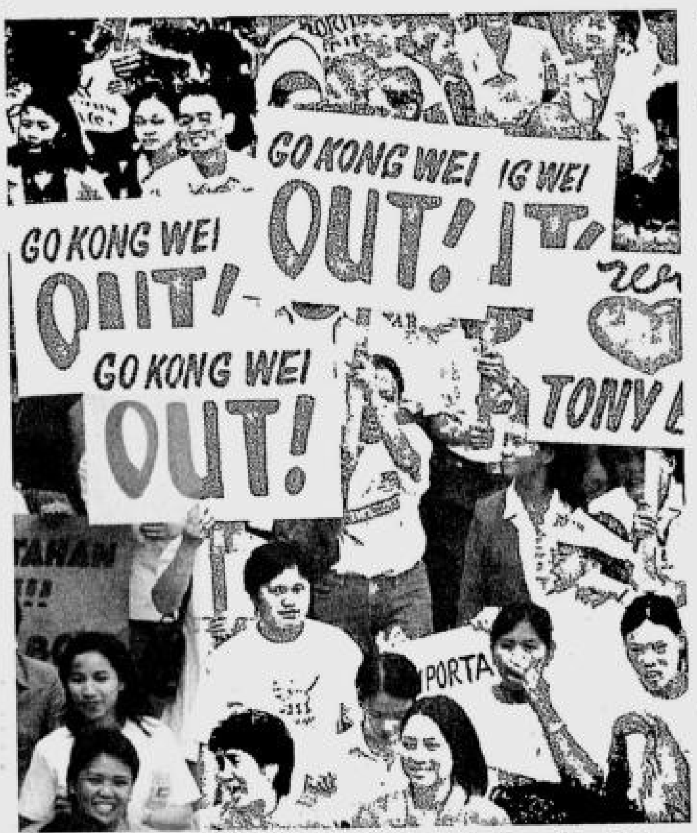
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**EMPLOYEES** of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. display placards during a protest over the proposed sale of the controlling stake of Hong Kong's First Pacific Co. Ltd. in PLDT to the Gokongwei family. The rally was held just hours before PLDT held its annual meeting, where stockholders were expected to ask about First Pacific's announcement last week that it had agreed to sell its stakes in PLDT and Metro Pacific Corp.'s main asset, Bonifacio Land Corp., to the Gokongweis. REUTERS

### NEW BATTLE FOR MVP

# Tables turn on corporate raider

FROM corporate raider to takeover target. The Filipino business wizard who heads Hong Kong-based First Pacific Co. Ltd. has seen his role reversed by the conglomerate's planned sale of some major Philippine assets.

Manuel Pangilinan, a 55-year-old built like a bantam-weight boxer, is in danger of losing his post as president and chief executive of the country's most important telecommunications firm, Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT).

He may also lose his hold on the ambitious Global City business district project in Manila, property firm Metro Pacific Corp.'s flagship, if the sale goes through.

But he is putting on a brave face despite PLDT being the subject of a takeover bid by the group of Chinese-Filipino John Gokongwei.

"Are you the actress or the reporter? .Hi, how are you?" Pangilinan, known as "Manny," chuckled as he took a call from a Reuters reporter who shares the first name as a local actress, amid rumors that he was gearing for a new corporate battle.

On Wednesday, the Gokongwei family said it would set up a joint venture with First Pacific that would take over the Hong Kong company's PLDT stake and part of its stake in Global City.

Pangilinan is reported to be attempting a management buyout of the PLDT and Metro Pacific stakes and raising legal challenges to the deal, but observers said his efforts might be for naught.

First Pacific's owners, Indonesia's Salim group, seem to be set on selling to the Gokongweis, they said.

## Homecoming

Pangilinan, believed to be among the highest paid executives in the region, is widely credited for building First Pacific's business empire through corporate takeovers.

Observers said Pangilinan, turning 56 next month, was bypassed by the Salim group for purely business reasons.

So what went wrong for the Wharton-trained Filipino businessman who is married to his job?

Former colleagues said that after returning from more than 20 years in Hong Kong, Pangilinan might have become too attached to PLDT and the Philippines, to the detriment of First Pacific.

"I know for a fact that he wanted to come home and he wanted to come home in a very big way," one former colleague said.

"When he was in Hong Kong, he was very detached. It was easy to make good investment decisions. As he came home and got more and more involved with the people here, it became difficult for him to see the forest amongst the trees."

In 2001, the First Pacific group reported a net loss of $1.8 billion and an asset write-down that erased the equivalent of all its profits for the previous 14 years.

## Making it big

The former investment banker made it big after he met Liem Sioe Liong, patriarch of the ethnic Chinese Salim family.

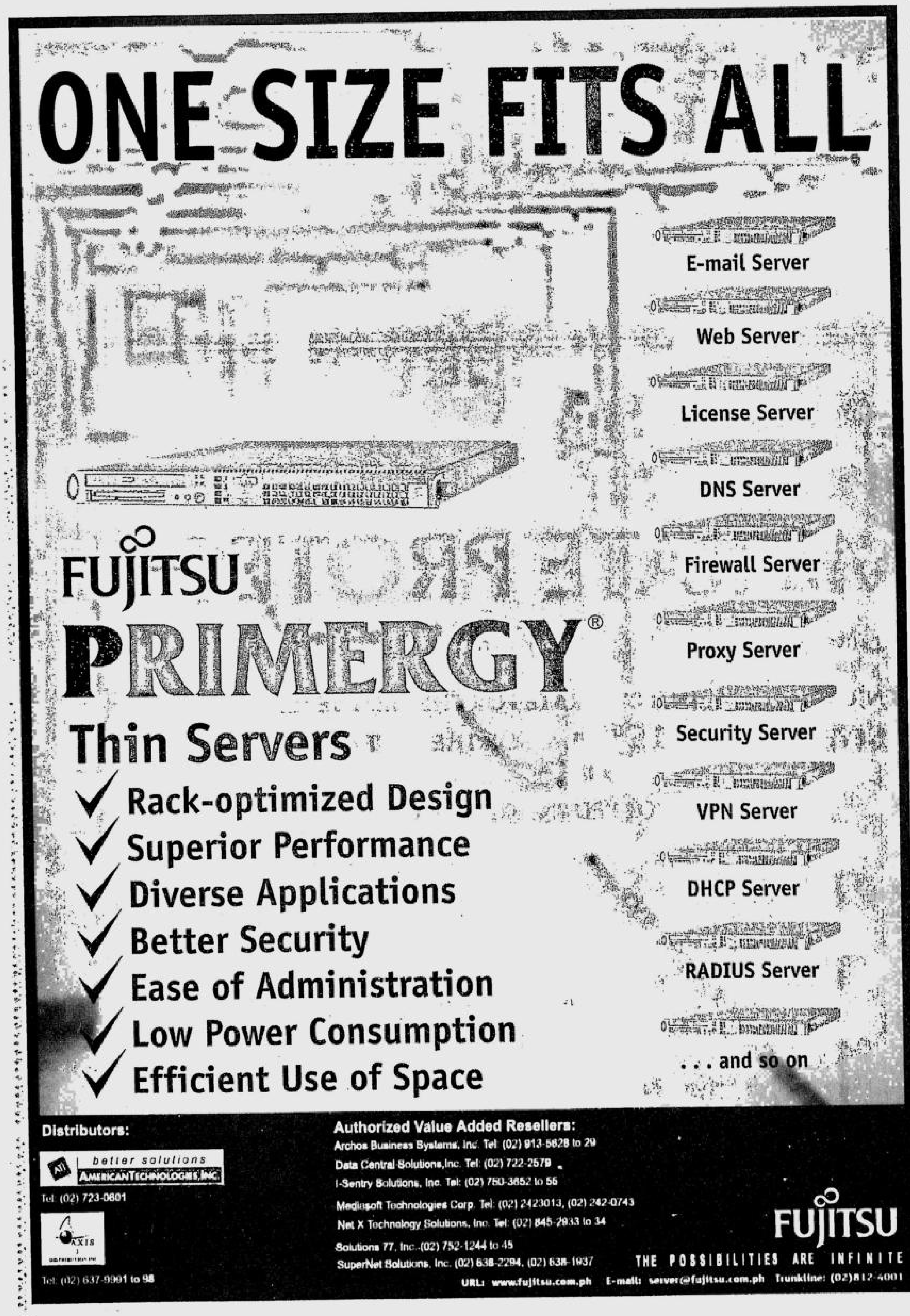
The Salim group gave Pangilinan its confidence, trusting him with million-dollar decisions that transformed First Pacific from a lowly finance company in 1981 to a dynamic conglomerate which, at its peak in the late 1990s, constantly bought and sold huge assets.

Before the turn of the new millennium, Pangilinan, called a visionary and workaholic by his colleagues, steered First Pacific toward core businesses—telecommunications, property, trading, and later food—a shift that heavily exposed it to the Philippines, home to over 70 percent of its investments.

While his tenure may be coming to an end, no one doubts his contribution to the Philippines' telecommunications industry.

"Looking at the way Pangilinan managed PLDT, it's fair to say that PLDT is twice the company that it was in 1997 given its stake in the wireless market," said an analyst from a foreign brokerage house.

"It transformed itself from a fixed line to a more diversified technology conglomerate. By those measures I think Mr. Pangilinan has really been successful in managing PLDT." *Reuters*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# Source One opens call center in QC

SOURCE One Communications Asia Inc., a joint venture between Lopez-owned Customer Contact Center ($C^3$) and US-based Source One Communications Inc., has started operations on a 70,000-square foot office facility located at the Eastwood City CyberPark in Quezon City.

The facility, which will hold close to 1,000 work stations, provides outsourced contact center services to companies based in North America 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Source One Communications Asia combines American account management expertise with $C^3$'s well-educated customer service professionals. $C^3$ is one of the largest call center operators in the country. Its partner, Source One Communications, is a New Jersey-based provider of contact center solutions, with a global network of contact centers in New York, Toronto, Johannesburg, Sydney and London.

Jericho Go, Eastwood CyberPark Corp. vice president, welcomed the entry of Source One in CyberPark to serve an emerging market for outsourced contact center services in the Asia-Pacific region. "This will boost our country's bid to become an IT center in Southeast Asia," he said.

Source One Communications Asia is one of the newest additions to the fast-growing list of leading call center companies that have located their offices in the CyberPark. Among these companies are eTelecare International, Global Stride, Link 2 Support of the Linksys Group, Call Asia and Air Relay.

The influx of world-class contact centers to the CyberPark attests to its emergence as a top choice for foreign companies seeking a low-cost, high-quality location for their customer service needs, Go said.

# Fort Boni firms urged to adopt zero-accident plan

NEW locators of Global City Fort Bonifacio were urged to adopt a zero-accident program befitting of the country's flagship development site.

Mayor Freddie Tinga of Taguig said that safety should be the primary concern of these locators as he cautioned against being careless and reckless in their construction projects in the light of the recent accident at the MC Home Builders Depot site where a laborer of LKS Construction suffered head and body injuries when its steel trusses collapsed.

Global City is a 150-hectare mixed-use property beside the Makati central business district whose locators contribute heavily to the coffers of the municipality and were honored recently with most outstanding taxpayer awards.

Tinga lauded them for their high sense of corporate and social responsibility and urged them to help retain the unblemished image of the Global City as the premier growth area in the country.

He reminded them to be judicious in their choice of those who will implement their projects to avoid mishaps that lead to delays and translate to additional costs and opportunity losses.

The mayor said he supported the temporary suspension given to LKS Construction to avoid further accidents and also to give them time to find out who was liable for the collapse of the structure.

"Contractors should comply with the requirements of the National Building Code and not resort to shortcuts that may lead to major accidents in the future," he added.

# MVP crosses the line

## COCKTALES

*Victor C. Agustin*

METRO Pacific chair/president Manuel V. Pangilinan yesterday formally signaled his break with his Hong Kong parent company over the proposed takeover by taipan John Gokongwei of PLDT and Bonifacio Land.

Amid posters saying "Hold the Fort" and "We're right behind you" plastered around the company headquarters in Fort Bonifacio, MVP told the Metro Pacific's stockholders' meeting yesterday that he had cast the entire bloc of First Pacific's proxies to re-elect the Metro Pacific board.

This was contrary to the written directive issued by the Hong Kong-based First Pacific Co. on Friday, asking MVP to transfer all the First Pacific proxies in Metro Pacific and Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. to First Pacific's executive director and company secretary, Ronald A. Brown.

Attached to that letter was a three-page protocol detailing how MVP should conduct himself in regard to the disposal of First Pacific assets in the Philippines.

According to the Hong Kong grapevine, MVP turned down his principals' directive to hand over the proxies to Brown, saying such a transfer could no longer be effected beyond the deadline.

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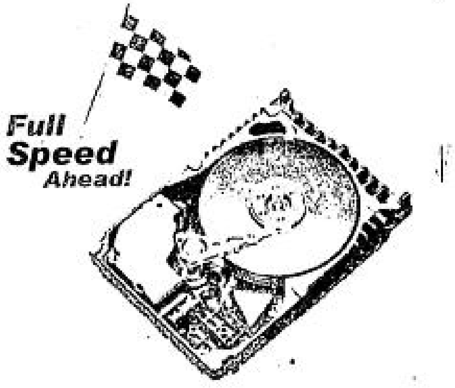

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## PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Philippine National Bank will be held on June 25, 2002 at 8:00 a.m. at the Ballroom, Upper Lobby, Century Park Hotel, 599 Pablo Ocampo Sr. St., Malate, Manila.

The Agenda for the Meeting is as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Secretary's Proof of Notice and Quorum
3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2001 Annual Stockholders' Meeting held on May 29, 2001
4. Report of the President on the Results of Operations for the Year 2001
5. Approval of the 2001 Annual Report
6. Approval of the Reduction of the Par Value of the Corporation's Common Shares from Sixty Pesos (P60.00) to Forty Pesos (P40.00), Resulting in the Decrease of the Authorized Capital Stock from P50,000,000,040.00 Divided into 833,333,334 Common Shares to P33,333,333,360.00 Divided into 833,333,334 Common Shares and the Amendment for this Purpose of Article Seventh of the Amended Articles of Incorporation
7. Approval of the Increase in the Authorized Capital Stock from P33,333,333,360.00 Divided into 833,333,334 Common Shares to P50,000,000,040.00 Divided into 1,054,824,557 Common Shares and 195,175,444 Preferred Shares with a Par Value of P40.00 Per Share
8. Issuance of 195,175,444 Preferred Shares to PDIC as Partial Payment for P7,807M Worth of Previously Contracted Loans
9. Ratification of All Acts and Proceedings of the Board of Directors and Corporate Officers since the 2001 Annual Stockholders' Meeting
10. Election of Directors
11. Appointment of External Auditor
12. Other Matters
13. Adjournment

Minutes of the last Annual Stockholders' Meeting as well as resolutions of the Board of Directors starting from June 26, 2001 will be available for examination during office hours at the Office of the Corporate Secretary. In addition, copies of the minutes of the last Annual Stockholders' Meeting will also be made available at the meeting venue for stockholders who wish to examine the minutes but who were unable to do so prior to the meeting.

Only stockholders of record as of May 31, 2002 will be entitled to vote at this meeting. For this purpose, the Stock and Transfer Books of the Corporation will be closed from June 17 to June 24, 2002.

If you cannot personally attend the meeting, you may designate your authorized representative by submitting a **PROXY** instrument to the Office of the Corporate Secretary not later than 5:00 p.m. of June 20, 2002. A proxy instrument shall conform with the requirements of Sec. 58 of the Corporate Code, and shall be affixed with a duly paid documentary stamp tax in accordance with Sec. 192 of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997.

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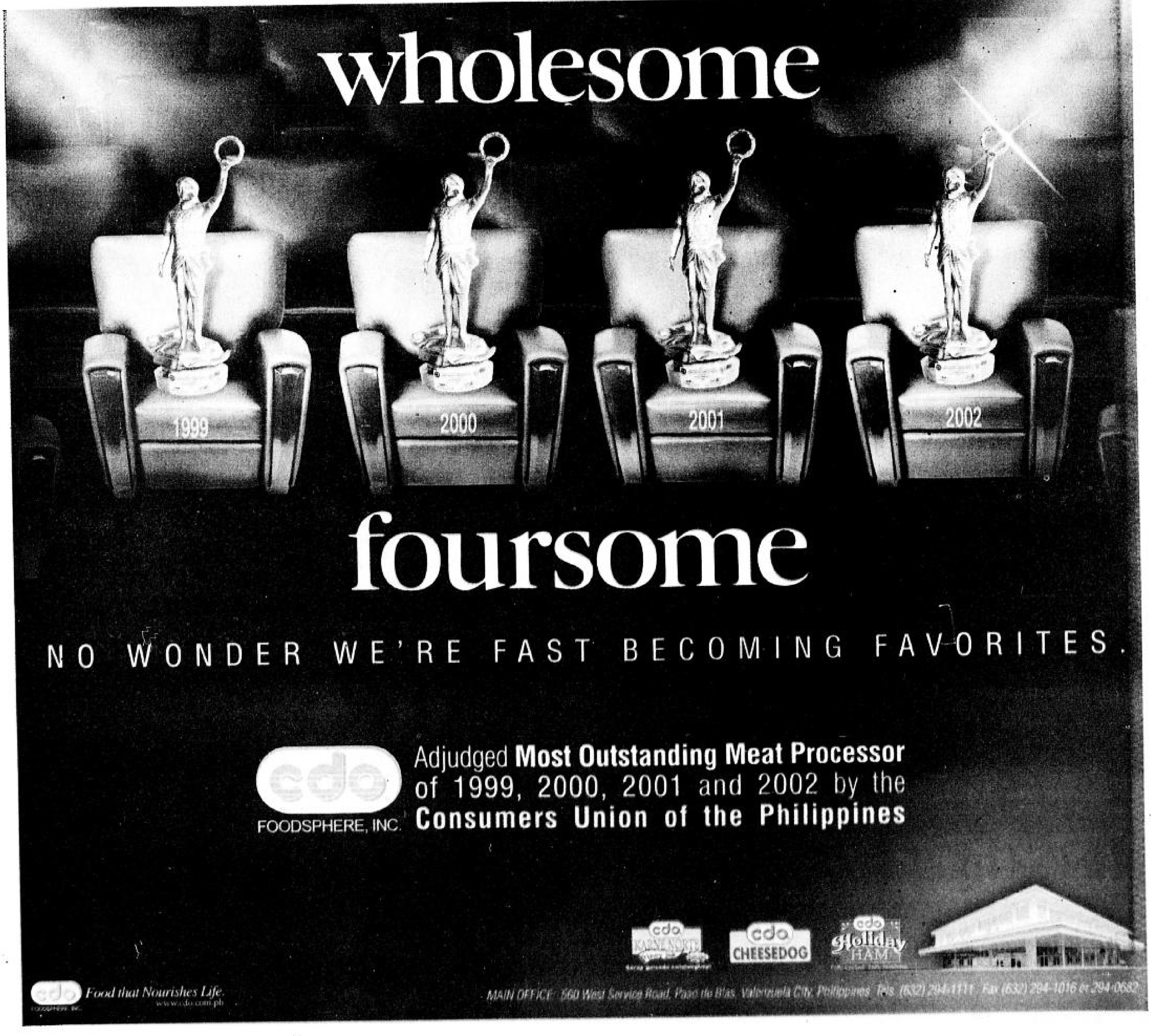
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# Piltel asked to improve link-up with Bayantel

By Abigail L. Ho

THE NATIONAL Telecommunications Commission has ordered Pilipino Telephone Corp. to improve its interconnection with Bayan Telecommunications Inc. in General Santos City, after receiving complaints from the city's mayor and Sangguniang Panglunsod.

In a memorandum dated June 6, NTC chief Eliseo Rio Jr. told Piltel to immediately install and activate four additional E1s to "immediately improve interconnection services and to ensure adequate and efficient provisioning of service" between Piltel and Bayantel. An E1 is an interconnecting standard that can support 30 simultaneous calls.

Before the order was issued, only three E1s were in operation, which resulted in interconnection problems between the two operators.

"The activation of four additional E1s is expected to spur commercial activity in GenSan, one of the fastest growing economic centers in Mindanao," Bayantel said in a statement yesterday.

The mayor of General Santos City and its Sangguniang Panglunsod complained of inconvenience for the city telephone subscribers because of the interconnection problem existing between Piltel and Bayantel.

The Sangguniang Panglunsod then issued Resolution No. 218, which pointed out the "extreme need to find the most immediate and effective solution to protect and promote the flow of commerce in the city."

It also requested the Department of Transportation and Communications to help the city achieve an improvement in telephony services offered by the two operators.

# Metro Pacific trims debts by ₱7.5B, sees profit in '03

By Elena R. Torrijos

METRO Pacific Corp. yesterday announced that it has successfully reached an agreement with creditors on the reduction or restructuring of P7.5 billion in the property group's P18.5 billion worth of interest-bearing liabilities.

In a presentation during the company's stockholders' meeting yesterday morning, MPC chief financial officer Jose Maria Lim said that the P7.5 billion included approvals to retire P4.6 billion of consolidated debt and signed agreements to restructure P2.9 billion into longer-term accreting loans. The P4.6 billion represented dacion en pago (payment in kind) deals and the use of proceeds from outright sale of assets to settle obligations.

Lim expressed confidence that MPC would be able to conclude agreements on P3.2 billion of the remaining liabilities, excluding the P4.6-billion or $105-million loan from Larouge, a subsidiary of MPC's Hong Kong-based parent First Pacific.

MPC stockholders also yesterday gave the board of MPC the power to enter into negotiations and agreements to address the group's debt woes.

MPC officers did not specifically say whether they were in or would enter into discussions with Larouge to settle the past-due $105-million loan, which is secured by a 50.4-percent stake in Bonifacio Land Corp.

The loan receivable of the First Pacific/Larourge group and its corresponding security interest in BLC will be transferred to a joint venture in favor of the Gokongwei group under an agreement signed by the Hong Kong holding company and taipan John Gokongwei last week.

MPC group vice president David Nugent refused to say whether there would be any intention on MPC to pre-pay or settle the loan to Larouge in order to prevent a foreclosure of the 50.4-percent stake in BLC, representing the bulk of MPC's 73-percent stake.

BLC is the consortium that owns a 55-percent stake in Fort Bonifacio Development Corp., the joint venture with the state-owned Bases Conversion Development Authority.

Meanwhile, MPC chair and chief executive Manuel Pangilinan said that MPC was set to "turn the corner" by the first quarter of next year.

MPC posted its first ever loss in 2001, amounting to a staggering P21 billion as a result of the recognition of an impairment of assets.

Pangilinan said that he expected that the company would still also post a loss for the full year this year although it should decline gradually.

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# UCPB chair clarifies recapitalization plan

EDWARD S. Go, chair and CEO of United Coconut Planters Bank, said it was not correct to say that the draft interim agreement needed to be signed by all litigants in the ownership issue regarding the bank's recapitalization was pending in the office of Presidential Legal Counsel Avelino Cruz.

Go was reacting to an INQUIRER article yesterday which said the government should act quickly on the proposed rehabilitation program for UCPB.

Go said the draft agreement was in fact with the Presidential Commission on Good Government and was being studied by its lawyers. "It is taking time because there are complex issues involved."

While Go admitted that there might have been some differences of opinion on how to handle various issues, the UCPB board remained united and committed to strengthening and assuring the health of the bank.

"These differences will be settled through discussions over time," Go noted.

He added that it was unfair to ascribe any other motivation to any member of the UCPB board.

# Cocktales

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Brown was scheduled to fly to Manila and himself vote the proxies, ironically, for MVP and the rest of the First Pacific nominees in yesterday's PLDT and Metro Pacific's shareholders' meetings.

(All the 11 Metro Pacific directors were present, except for Opus Dei Prof. Enrique Esteban and First Pacific's Edward Tortorici. A Metro Pacific spokesman said the Philippine-based Tortorici was stricken with flu, a claim denied by the Hong Kong grapevine.)

Though it would amount to the same vote, the proposed transfer was designed to test whether MVP would toe the First Pacific line, amid persistent rumors that MVP would join the local shareholders fight the impending First Pacific divestment in favor of Gokongwei.

"He (MVP) finally crossed the line," said one lawyer, who asked not to be identified.

According to the pro-MVP grapevine, both PLDT and Metro Pacific boards are now looking into retiring Metro Pacific's $105-million loan to a First Pacific subsidiary, Larouge, in the hope of unhinging the Gokongwei-First Pacific deal.

But according to the Hong Kong grapevine, the pre-payment of the Larouge loan would in no way affect the Gokongwei-First Pacific venture. If ever, it would even provide ammunition for the Gokongwei-First Pacific venture to acquire more PLDT shares to ensure their hold on the target telecom company.

Accra lawyer Francis Lim attended yesterday's meetings to help craft a legal defense both for Metro Pacific and PLDT against the impending takeover. Accra was longtime counsel of PLDT and, ironically, it was MVP that let go of Accra's services right after MVP and his First Pacific team took over the utility in late 1998.

MVP was at his usual cool, collected self yesterday, wearing his trademark dark business suit, and betraying no hint of the boardroom turmoil that now threatens to sink his otherwise charmed corporate career.

He answered a succession of questions from Metro Pacific employees during the meeting, assuring that, after last year's whopping P21.87 billion "asset impairment" charge and the conclusion of ongoing dacion en pago talks with creditors, Metro Pacific should return to profitability by next year.

"I hope to see you again next year," MVP said as he ended the meeting, eliciting sympathetic smiles from the audience.

### Heard through the grapevine

THE PCGG nominees in the board of United Coconut Planters Bank want to limit the powers of their own chair/CEO, Edward Go, and are now even trying to put their own nominee as bank president.

The PCGG nominees also want to even rehire the Roco Buñag Kapunan law firm as Cocobank counsel, despite the law firm earlier having been dismissed by San Miguel chair Eduardo Cojuangco from both SMC and Cocobank.

The re-hiring of Roco Buñag Kapunan now threatens the modus vivendi arrived at by Malacañang and Cojuangco over the disposition and direction of the sequestered bank.

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# 4 foreign firms in talks to build gas pipeline

**By Ronnel W. Domingo**

FOUR foreign firms are in talks with state-run PNOC Exploration Corp. on a possible joint venture to build a $100-million pipeline to transport natural gas from Batangas to Manila.

PNOC-EC president Rufino Bomasang, speaking on the sidelines of the firm's stockholders meeting yesterday, named the firms as Mashhor Clough Sendirian of Brunei, Petroliam Nasional of Malaysia, Tractebel of Belgium and Korean Gas.

"I believe that a consortium of all these interested parties will be formed to undertake the project," Bomasang said.

The "Bat-Man" gas pipeline is expected to help expand the market of the Malampaya natural gas, which is being processed in a plant in Tabangao, Batangas.

The state firm completed in January a feasibility study on building the pipeline with the help of the Japan External Trade Organization.

The study, conducted by a team from Tokyo Gas, Mitsubishi, Nippon Steel and Pacific Consultants, said the pipeline project was entitled to funding from Japan's official development assistance.

"We are now updating the market data on South Luzon and Metro Manila," Bomasang said. "We have to continue updating until the project is started."

First Gas Holdings Corp. and the team of Shell Philippines Exploration and Texaco Philippines initiated their own feasibility studies on the project.

Asked about this, Bomasang said, "They said they were interested to do it on their own, but they did not say they were not open to join a consortium."

He said the decision on who would be entitled to do the project rested on the Department of Energy.

According to industry sources, the pipeline project will cost between $80 million and $110 million.

"There are many possibilities on which firms would be doing this project," Bomasang reiterated. "We are willing to work with companies who are interested in it."

PNOC-EC holds a 10-percent stake in the Malampaya gas-to-power project, while project operator Spex and Texaco Philippines hold 45 percent each.

In an earlier interview, Energy Secretary Vicente Perez Jr. said a joint venture among the many firms interested in the pipeline project was possible in view of accommodating all interested parties.

"There would be no bidding," Perez said. "This would likely be a joint venture."

**BUSINESS Sector Advisory Group chair Roberto Romulo (left) discusses a point with (from right) Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Rafael Buenaventura, Philippine Business for Corporate Governance chair Jesus Estanislao, presidential adviser on one million jobs Cito Lorenzo and Budget Secretary Emilia Boncodin during the launching of a non-stock, non-profit foundation on corporate governance. Eleven donors pledged a total P20 million for the foundation, which seeks to institutionalize reforms in corporate governance.**

## PNOC-EC to name adviser this month

STATE-OWNED PNOC Exploration Corp. said yesterday the financial adviser for its privatization would be named before the end of the month after five investment houses tendered their proposals two weeks ago.

PNOC-EC chief operating officer Rafael del Pilar said on the sidelines of the firm's annual stockholders' meeting that ABN Amro, ING Barings, SGV & Co., Credit Lyonnaise and ATR Kim Eng submitted their bids.

Del Pilar added that the winning bidder would be tasked to draw up a program for PNOC-EC to lay out a privatization.

"The program is expected to be ready three months after the contract is awarded," Del Pilar said.

But he added that if the advisor failed to make its recommendations by September or October, this would probably be pushed to the first quarter of next year.

The PNOC-EC official said the adviser would consider the options for the state firm's mode of privatization.

"These include seeking a strategic partner and listing in the stock market," he said.

In an earlier interview, Energy Secretary Vincent Perez Jr. said PNOC-EC was studying whether to reissue its shares in the stock exchange or simply list its stake in the Malampaya gas-to-power project.

Perez, who is concurrent chair of Philippine National Oil Co., said the state firm was considering a reissue of its shares since only 0.2 percent of PNOC-EC shares were in public hands.

"Another option is the public offering of PNOC-EC's share in the Malampaya project," the official said.

PNOC-EC holds a 10-percent stake in the $2.5-billon venture, which is expected to yield $9 billion in government royalties in the next 20 years on top of the firm's share in the consortium's revenues.

Perez said PNOC was also considering a combination of the two options.

PNOC sources say that the Petron Corp. model of privatization is a priority among the PNOC's subsidiaries that are slated for privatization.

## DTI to start air emission tests from scratch

**By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.**

THE DEPARTMENT of Trade and Industry wants to start from scratch the accreditation of Private Emission Testing Centers (PETCS) after an ad hoc committee found serious anomalies and flaws in the pre-qualification of 186 companies under a set of revised guidelines issued in April.

Based on its final report, the committee recommended the adoption of new pre-qualification procedures to ensure "transparency and fairness" in the selection of PETC providers.

The committee wants to reopen the program and subject all applicants to a rigorous screening process.

It recommended the revocation of the revised guidelines under Joint Administrative Order OO1 series of 2002, which adopted a "first come-first serve policy" and "one-operator, one-service area concept" and mandated further authentication of the PETCS' certificate of emission compliance by an information technology provider.

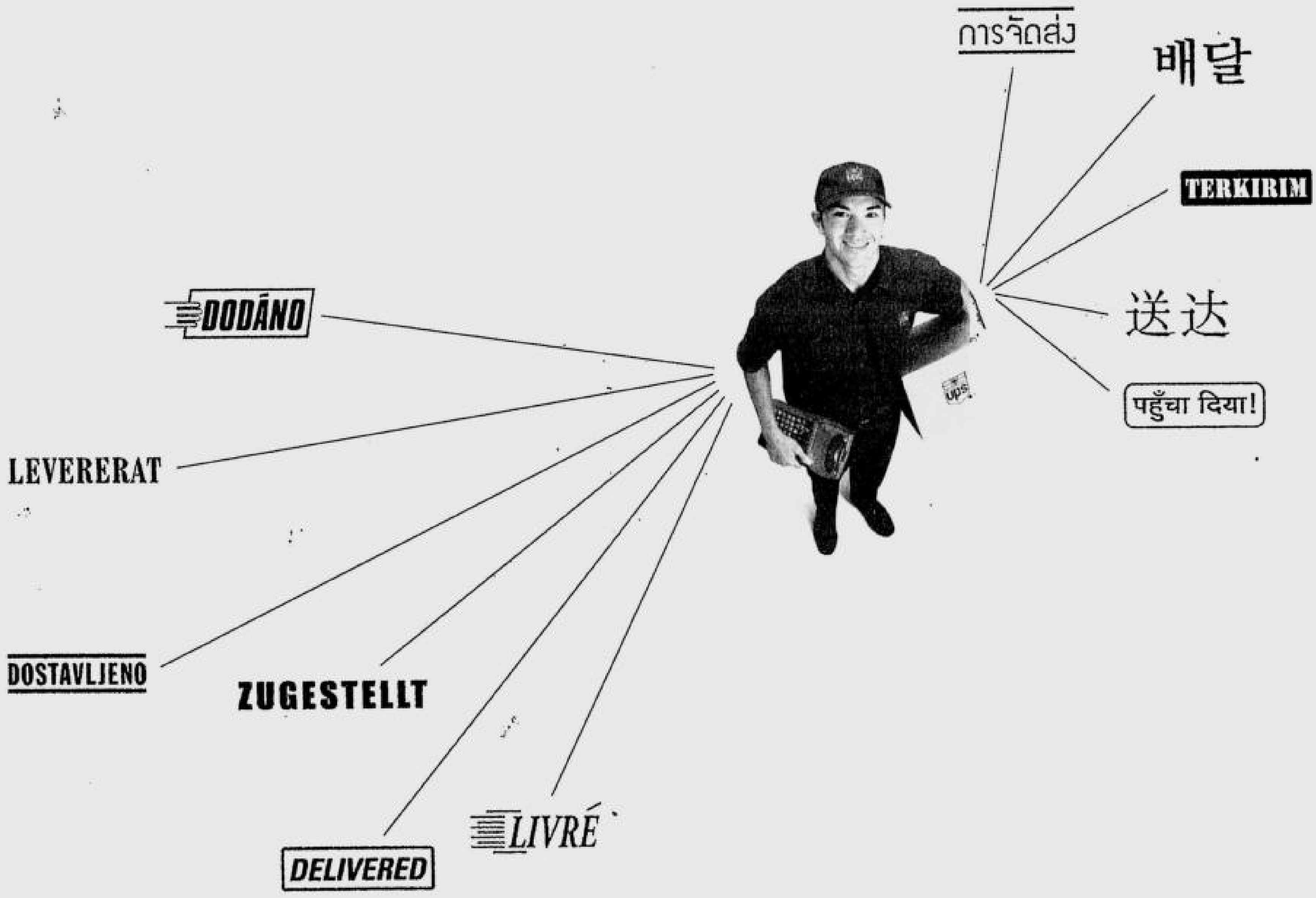
The committee said these provisions were inconsistent with JAO 001 series of 2001 issued in July last year, which laid down guidelines for the accreditation of PETCS.

The new guidelines will be signed by Trade Secretary Manuel Roxas II and Transportation Secretary Pantaleon Alvarez.

The committee—composed of DTI directors Jesus Motoomull, Pedro Vicente Mendoza, and Virgilio Sandeval—also sought the accurate determination of the number of lanes per service area with specific Land Transportation Office districts, a period for pre-qualifying applicants, and an intensive information campaign on the accreditation process.

In the original JAO, only five of the 15 applicants were allowed to operate PETCS.

The slow turnout prompted both the DTI and Department of Transportation and Communications to issue the second JAO to attract more applicants.



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# Dollar drop seen double-edged sword for US

WASHINGTON—Manufacturers are celebrating a slide in the dollar as a boon for their bottom lines, but some analysts are fretting about the risks to the economy if the currency falls too far too fast.

So far, the dollar's woes amount to what economists see as an "orderly" decline in a currency that has been overvalued. Indeed, factory owners say the cheapening of the dollar could help stem the hemorrhaging of jobs at US assembly lines and support the economy as it recovers from last year's recession.

But at a time when the weakening of the mighty greenback is coinciding with a stock market slide, some on Wall Street are starting to worry about a "meltdown" scenario in which the currency sell-off could pick up steam. A severe enough rout could worsen the equities fall if foreign investors decide to dump US assets en masse.

"It's conceivable that this decline could turn out into something significant," said economist Ed McKelvey at Goldman Sachs in New York.

A broad index compiled by the Federal Reserve that measures the dollar's value versus the currencies of US trading partners is down only 2 percent from its peak hit in January.

However, the euro, which late on Monday was trading at 94.33 cents, had leapt more than 12 percent against the US unit since mid-2001, when it was at 83.52 cents.

The dollar has also fallen sharply versus the yen, but some of the declines have been blunted by intervention from Japanese authorities, who are worried about the cost of Japanese exports, to prevent the yen from gaining too much strength.

McKelvey says two factors may hasten a weakening in the greenback: the huge deficit in the current account—the broadest measure of international trade—which now amounts to about 4 percent of gross domestic product, and a deteriorating US fiscal position in which government surpluses have evaporated and given way to deficits.

McKelvey and other economists see risks for the economy if the dollar decline begins to limit the availability of capital needed for business growth.

A weak dollar also tends to push up inflation through import prices but economists saw this as less of a concern than capital flight, in part because inflation right now is low.

The US economy, which imports upward of a net $1 billion a day in capital, is hugely dependent on foreign investment.

"What people are legitimately concerned about is the tendency of markets toward herd behavior," said economist Adam Posen of the Institute for International Economics, a Washington think tank.

While Posen and McKelvey said the possibility of flight from US assets was a risk, both said it was far from a foregone conclusion that such a scenario would come to pass.

One key factor arguing against this outcome is the lack of highly attractive alternatives to the United States for investors to stash their money.

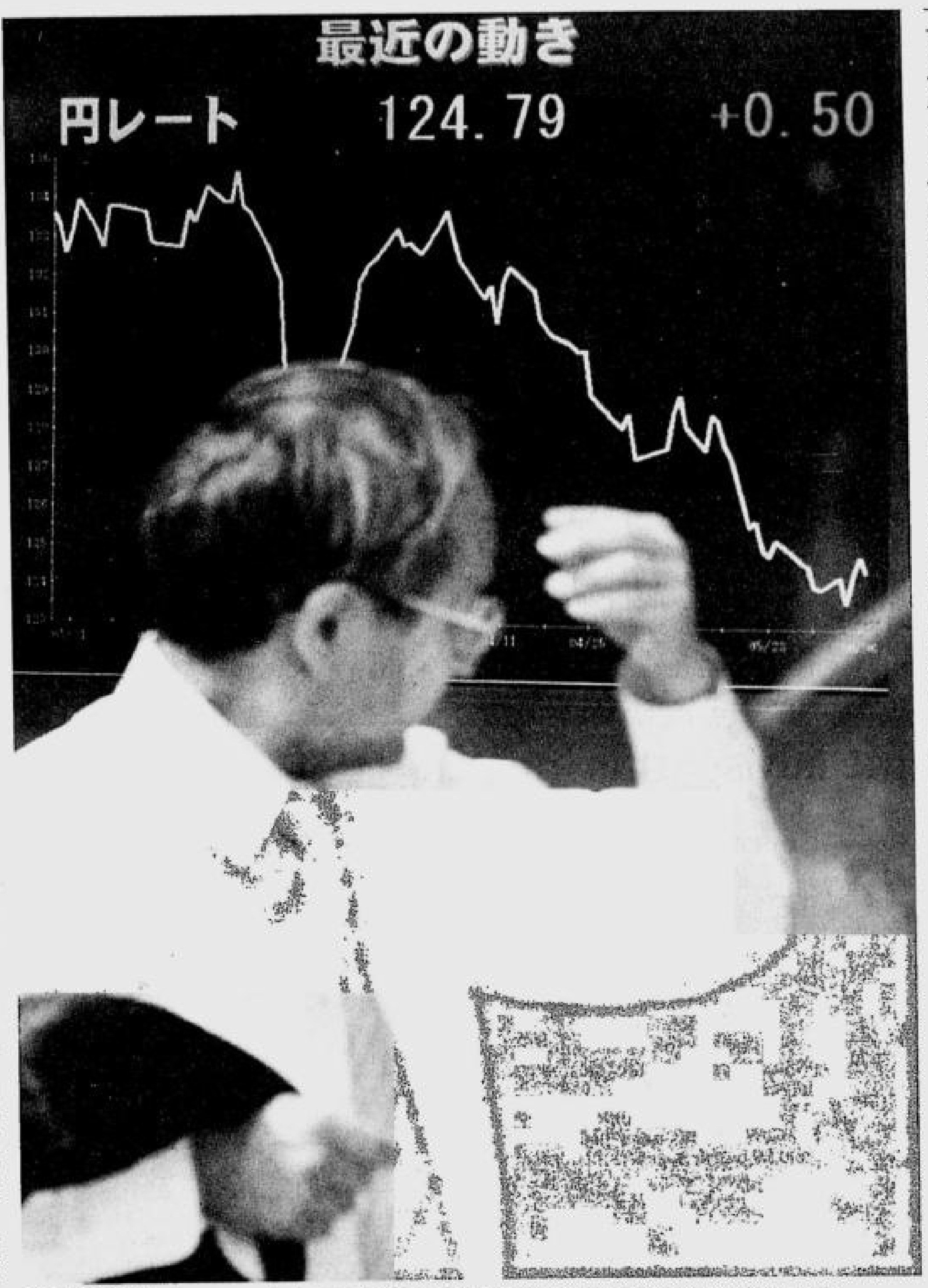
Japan, struggling to pull out of a deep recession worsened by painful deflation, is a long way from being viewed as a haven for capital.

Forecasters believe that Europe, while it enjoys a healthier economy than that of Japan, may still lag the US growth rate in the coming year.

Experts differ on whether the dollar decline right now is exacerbating the weakness of stocks or vice versa.

But both are being influenced by factors such as "Enronitis"—a nervousness about corporate governance in dubious accounting methods involved in the unraveling of former energy trading giant, Enron Corp.

"Both the stock market and the dollar are seeing symptoms of some of the same concerns," said Lara Rhame, economist at Brown Brothers Harriman in New York. *Reuters*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**A JAPANESE** businessman looks at a foreign exchange rate chart in downtown Tokyo. US manufacturers are celebrating a slide in the dollar as a boon for their bottom lines, but some analysts are fretting about the risks to the economy if the currency falls too far too fast. AFP

## US survey sees healthy growth in second half

WASHINGTON—US economists are optimistic that the United States will see a healthy pace of expansion in the second half of this year, the closely watched Blue Chip survey showed on Monday.

Forecasters think the current second quarter is shaping up to be sluggish, with consumer spending and housing investment slowing compared to the first three months of the year.

"The vast majority of analysts, however, persist in believing that the pullback in the rate of overall GDP (gross domestic product) growth in 20Q2 will set the stage for faster activity in the second half of this year," Kansas City-based newsletter Blue Chip Economic Indicators said in a summary of its June survey.

The survey projected that GDP in the second quarter would increase by 2.8 percent—only half the 5.6-percent rate recorded in the first quarter. A rebalancing of inventories led to a surge in growth early this year, as the economy emerged from its first recession in a decade.

Third-quarter growth was pegged at 3.4 percent, with a slight pickup to 3.7 percent in the fourth quarter.

"While evidence suggests at least some temporary softness in consumer spending and residential investment, the outlook for capital spending is brightening and the recovery in the manufacturing sector continues to gather strength," the survey said.

In 2002 overall, the Blue Chip projected year-over-year growth of 2.8 percent.

Inflation was expected to remain tame, rising just 1.7 percent in 2002 on a year-over-year basis as measured by the Consumer Price Index. *Reuters*

## SAP struggles to shake German roots in US market

NEW YORK—In Europe, software giant SAP has the kind of name recognition enjoyed by IBM and Microsoft. The trouble is, in the United States, which happens to be the software company's biggest market, SAP is a virtual unknown.

SAP's roots in making complex back-office software—used to automate companies' financial, manufacturing and human resources operations—have relegated it to a relatively anonymous role. And, even while it has financial clout, it's not been able to create mass appeal for its software in the United States. Add to that a certain Germanic love of all things technical and it's easy to see why SAP is yet to become a household name.

"The perception is that SAP is this big, monolithic, rigid, hard-to-deal-with product," said Joshua Greenbaum, principal of industry research firm Enterprise Applications Consulting. "It sticks with them."

Waldorf, Germany-based SAP's name is derived from the English words for Systems, Applications, Products in Data Processing, a mouthful in its original German—Systeme und Anwendungs Programme in der Datenverarbeitung in German.

It's been trying to lighten up its image for years.

Two years ago, the company borrowed the slogan "EnjoySAP" from a popular cola brand to convey the idea that its products are simple and easy to use. But the message failed to take hold and the campaign was soon dropped.

"The truth is, as good as they are on the branding side, they're still not a marketing company," said Bruce Richardson, an analyst with AMR Research in Boston. "It's still too much about products." *Reuters*

## Taiwan banks step up efforts to write off bad loans

TAIPEI—Major Taiwan banks have responded to government pressure and are stepping up efforts to write off mounting bad loans to increase profitability and attract foreign partners, analysts say.

After persistent prodding from the finance ministry, local banks have moved to clean up their balance sheets and make their operations more transparent to survive and attract partners, particularly international banks, they say.

Finance Minister Lee Yung-san said recently he targeted banks' average non-performing loan ratio—bad loans as a proportion of total loans—to fall below 5 percent within the next two years.

According to the central bank, domestic banks' average NPL ratio rose to 8.04 percent at the end of March from 7.48 percent at the end of December and from 5.89 percent a year earlier.

The NPL ratio would have been 11.74 percent at the end of March if problematic loans under central bank scrutiny were included.

Gary Tseng, director general of the ministry's Bureau of Monetary Affairs, said the goal was for domestic banks to write off a total of NT$300 billion (US$8.78 billion) in bad debts this year to cut their NPL ratio to about 6 percent.

Among the major banks, First Commercial Bank this year expects to write off NT$60 billion in bad loans to reduce its NPL ratio to below 3 percent from over 8 percent at the end of April.

Chang Hwa Bank has targeted NT$42 billion in bad loan write-offs this year out of NPLs of NT$80.79 billion and an NPL ratio of 9.43 percent at the end of March.

With NT$74.9 billion of NPLs and an NPL ratio of 9.2 percent at the end of April, Hua Nan Commercial Bank plans to write off NT$52.4 billion in bad loans this year.

Ta Chong Bank vice president Jeff Teng said domestic banks should take drastic action to ensure their future.

"They face a critical time for their survival. It should also be looked at alongside the government's push for financial institutions to band together."

As part of wider reforms to Taiwan's banking industry, the government has been pressing the island's 53 lenders to merge or link with foreign banks to better cushion them against the economic downturn and the effects of greater foreign competition after the island's entry into the World Trade Organization.

Pre-tax profit for the island's 53 domestic banks fell 40.5 percent last year—amid Taiwan's first ever annual economic contraction of 1.9 percent—to NT$57.59 billion in the fourth straight annual decline. *AFP*

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**A WOMAN** shares a joke with a colleague next to a giant model of a mobile phone at the 3G-World Congress at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center. The 3G congress on third generation mobile phones is running in Hong Kong from June 10 to 14, showcasing the 15 networks from six countries using 3G technologies. AFP

## Indonesia to raise food, agri tariffs

JAKARTA—Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri has agreed to increase import tariffs on all food and agricultural commodities in the near term, a report said Tuesday.

"We must adjust our stance by implementing higher tariffs for all food and agricultural commodities, and the president has already agreed to this to ensure our food products are more competitive," Agriculture Minister Bungaran Saragih was quoted by the Kompas daily as saying.

Saragih, who was in Rome with Megawati to attend an international food conference, said the country currently had low import tariffs and other countries were providing hidden subsidies to protect their farmers. *AFP*

## Hitachi, E2open to create big mart

TOKYO—Japan's hi-tech giant Hitachi Ltd. said Tuesday it would link up with US firm E2open to create one of the world's largest business-to-business e-markets.

Hitachi will tie up its Internet-based TWX-21 market, which allows makers of finished products to do business with component suppliers and vice versa, with a similar service offered by E2open to create a huge worldwide forum comprising over 60,000 companies.

"We have started linking our operations little by little (with E2open)," said Hitachi spokesperson Hirotaka Ohno. "Their service will complement ours."

The TWX-21 is Japan's largest business-to-business e-market with some 13,000 companies, mostly domestic makers of components, while E2open operates a market with some 50,000 customers from the United States, Europe and across Asia. *AFP*

**MICROSOFT'S** Japanese executive, Hirohisa Oura, announces that the company will launch the online game service "Xbox Live" from this autumn during the Xbox Conference in Tokyo. Microsoft will start to sell "Xbox Live starter kits," including the headset for chatting and communicating with other players over the Xbox video game console, and one game software with a price of 6,800 yen ($55). AFP

## Online personals: Net's 'killer app'

PALO ALTO, California—Katie Mitic did not meet her husband online, but she might have looked a little harder if she had known of all the people who used the Internet to find soul mates living thousands of miles away.

Five years ago, when Mitic was using an Internet dating service, to meet people in the San Francisco Bay Area, her future husband was doing the same thing—in Hong Kong.

It was not until he relocated to California that the two had a chance meeting while looking for office space.

But Mitic, who now works as general manager at Yahoo! Inc.'s fast-growing personals business, uses her own story to illustrate how much the Internet can expand a person's dating circle—and also how it might expand Yahoo's revenue.

She says her staff regularly hears back—and sometimes receives wedding invitations—from delighted customers who used Yahoo Personals to find a mate who lived halfway around the globe—or just in the apartment down the hall.

But these days, it is not just happy couples who are singing the praises of online personals. A long list of companies like Yahoo, the industry leader Match.com, as well as others specializing in Jewish singles, gay singles and Ivy League singles, say the business is enjoying phenomenal growth, year after year, with no sign of slowing down. *Reuters*

# BIR exceeded collection target by 16.3% in May

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE BUREAU of Internal Revenue has exceeded its collection target in May by about P5 billion contrary to earlier reports saying the agency had posted a deficiency of P13 billion during the period, said BIR Commissioner Rene Bañez.

Bañez, in an interview, said the bureau's collection in May was 16.3 percent more than the collections in the same period last year. "This is still tentative and the amount may even be higher," said the BIR chief.

The BIR, the agency that produces more than 80 percent of the government's total revenues, must raise P447.6 billion this year so the government could limit its budget deficit to P130 billion. In the first four months of the year, however, the agency's collections of P129.107 billion fell 42 percent below the target for the period. The BIR's collection in April, the tax payment season in the country, amounting to P42.284 billion was lower than the target of P53.838 billion.

During the first quarter, the BIR missed its target by 12.9 percent. As of April, the government's fiscal gap reached P82.964 billion or already 64 percent of the full-year target.

The government must keep its deficit this year within the target to prove to international investors that its fiscal management is on track in bringing the deficit down to zero by 2006. Last year, the fiscal gap reached P147 billion or only slightly higher than the P145-billion ceiling.

Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho yesterday said he was confident the government would meet its deficit target this year.

Camacho met with Bañez and his undersecretaries Monday afternoon to discuss how the government could improve revenue collection.

He said that finance officials, during the other day's brainstorming session, have identified some measures to raise additional revenues but the BIR was tasked to specific measures to implement them.

Camacho admitted there was a lot of leakage in the current tax system that needed to be plugged but quickly added that the government was not considering increasing the value-added tax as suggested by the IMF.

# Ecozone exports up 2.4%

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE PHILIPPINE Economic Zone Authority (Peza) reported a modest growth in exports in the first four months this year due to dismal sales of electronic products in the world market.

Peza reported that exports rose 2.4 percent, $6.883 billion from January to April this year from $6.669 billion during the same period last year.

Growth was driven by private economic zones whose exports climbed 3.5 percent to $4.81 billion from January to April this year from $4.657 billion in the same months last year.

The private economic zones more than made up for the lackadaisical performance of companies in the four government-run economic zones that posted a measly 0.5-percent increase in exports to $2.022 billion this year compared to year-ago levels.

Two of the four state-run zones—Cavite and Bataan Ecozones—saw their exports fall 18 percent and 7 percent, respectively, during the period.

Laguna Technopark was the leading exporter among private and government-run ecozones as it shipped out $1.522 billion in the first four months this year from $1.357 billion a year ago. Amkor Anam was the second biggest private ecozone exporter with $589.018 million shipped out during the period, up 16.4 percent from $505.74 million a year ago.

Baguio City Ecozone was the best performer among state-run ecozones with exports of $761.5 million in the first four months this year, up 5.3 percent from $723.19 million a year ago.

Peza's export performance was in line with analysts' expectations that demand from overseas would remain weak in the first semester this year with a recovery expected in the second half in view of the anticipated recovery of the US economy, the country's biggest export market.

Analysts were heartened by the slowing decline of Philippine exports in March this year which, they noted, could signal an end to the sector's continued retreat since February last year. Electronic products, which account for more than half of Philippine exports, are largely produced inside factories within the ecozones.

# Petron sees growth via oil trading

KUALA LUMPUR—Philippine oil refiner Petron Corp. said yesterday that it was looking at playing a bigger role in oil trading because of tougher competition in the domestic market since the industry's deregulation in 1996.

Petron president and chief operating officer Motassim Al-Ma'ashouq said Petron, the largest refiner in the Philippines, was weighing up its traditional business strategy of owning refinery assets against taking a more active role in global oil trade.

"A trading model would take advantage of regional opportunities and allow us to focus on marketing assets," he told delegates at the 7th Asia Oil & Gas Conference in Kuala Lumpur.

Motassim said competition had increased sharply since the industry's deregulation six years ago to about 70 players in the domestic market compared to three in the 25 years before it was opened to foreign investment.

Adding to the squeeze, domestic demand for oil products fell to 331,000 barrels per day (bpd) in 2001 compared with 352,000 bpd in 1996, he said.

Oil product imports increased to 67,000 bpd last year versus 39,000 bpd in 1996, while supplies from local refineries dropped to 264,000 bpd in 2001 against 313,000 bpd in 1996, Motassim said.

"The increase in imports has resulted in the more frequent use of a regional pricing benchmark, which implies that local Philippine prices may soon be largely determined in markets such as Singapore, or even South Korea and Taiwan," he said.

Motassim said Philippine refiners needed to upgrade facilities soon or risk a worsening of the imbalance between refining capacity and growing demand for lighter, higher value oil products such as gasoline and naphtha.

"Unless upgrading is undertaken soon, fuel oil will be in significant surplus and incremental demand for white products cannot be satisfied by domestic production," he said.

He declined to comment, however, on Petron's upgrading plans. *Reuters*

# ABN turns over 19 branches to Robinsons Bank

ABN AMRO Savings Bank has turned over its 19 branches to Robinson Savings Bank, a unit of JG Summit.

Robinsons bought last March ABN's branches, the licenses to operate them, and their deposit portfolio to expand its reach, and its asset and customer base. Robinsons also absorbed most of ABN's branch personnel and some head office support staff.

Aside from the 19 branches, Robinsons has seven existing branches of its own, and is set to open five more between now and early next year.

The acquisition makes Robinsons Bank the seventh-largest thrift bank with assets of over P7 billion.

Robinsons handles the domestic banking requirements of the JG Summit group which is into the airline, telecommunications, petrochemical, food, textile, and property development and retailing, and shopping mall businesses.

The acquired branches are those in Alabang, Baguio, Binondo, Cagayan de Oro, Cebu, Dagupan, Davao, Katipunan, Libis, Makati-Gamboa, Makati-Shell, Naga, Ortigas, Quezon City-Morato, San Fernando, Pampanga, San Pablo, Laguna, TA-Greenhills, TA-Makati, and TA-Tutuban.

Robinsons Bank has existing branches in Edsa Galleria in Ortigas, Ermita Midtown, Robinsons Place in Manila, Imus in Cavite, Novaliches, Bacolod and Pasig.

The five that are scheduled to be opened shortly are in Binondo, Caloocan, Makati, Cebu and Iloilo.

"Integrating the systems of the two banks had been smooth," said Victor Laynes, Robinsons Bank vice president for information technology, "and we expect the new branches and ATMs to immediately be online and running partly because ABN's system is almost similar to our Silverlake Integrated Banking System."

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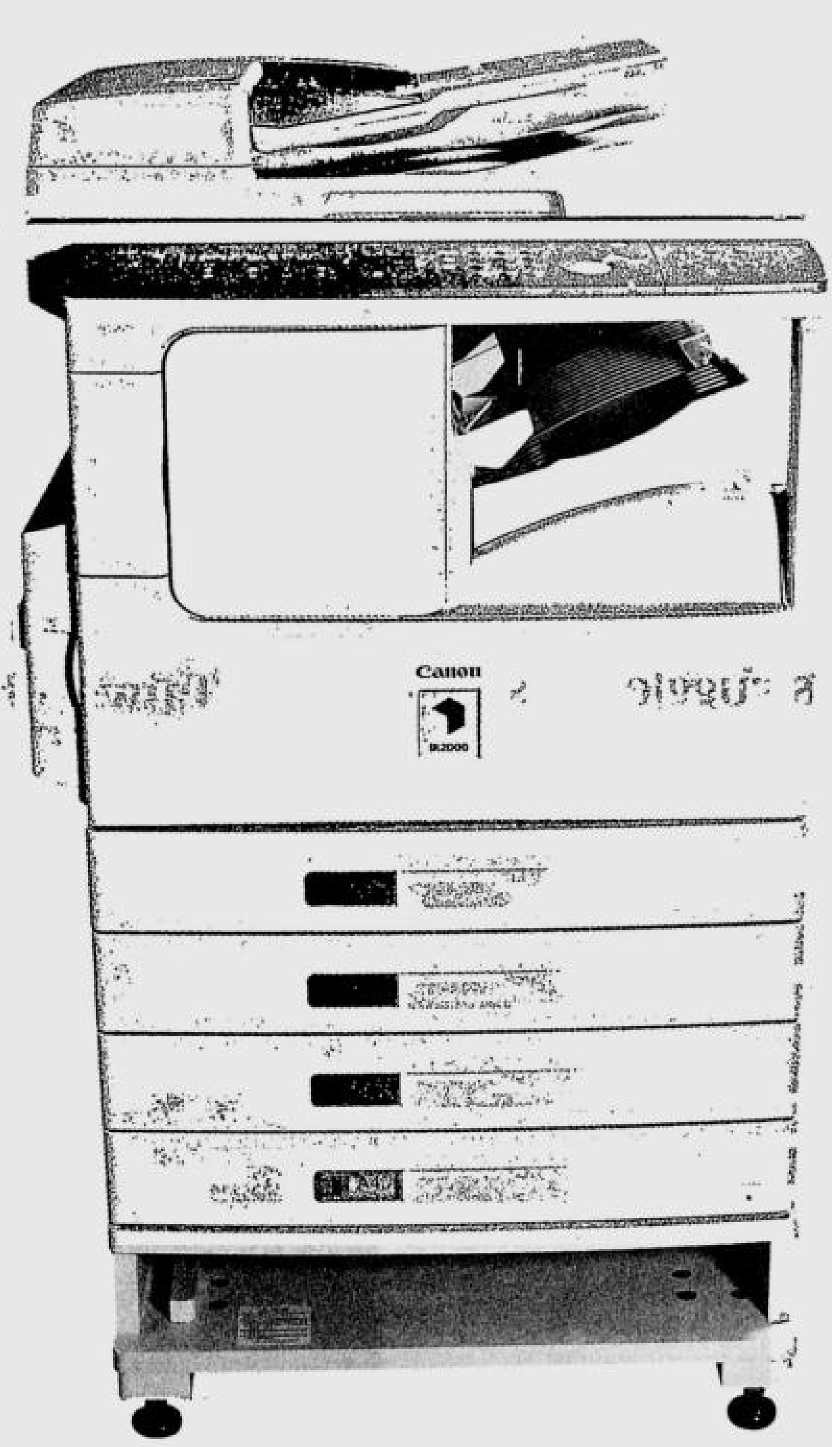

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# STANDARD CHARTERED BANK CELEBRATES 130 YEARS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Standard Chartered Bank stands as a proud witness of the rich history of the Philippines. It was the first foreign bank that was established in the country in 1872. Its name reflects the wealth of its heritage here and around the world. The bank's global foundation was built 150 years ago from its former name, The Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China and was incorporated by Royal Charter in 1853 in England. Overseas branches were then established in Calcutta, Bombay and Shanghai, followed by those in the Philippines (1872), Malaysia (1875) and Thailand (1894).

Early operations in the Philippines saw the bank financing machinery imports of the booming agricultural industries such as sugar, hemp, coconut, and shortly after copper, pig-iron, anchors, cordage, tobacco, coffee, and rice. Its first Manila premises was the modest lower story of a house in Binondo, the financial district at that time, whose upper floor was used as a kindergarten. The Manila operations consisted chiefly of the granting of accommodation secured upon export produce, imported merchandise, and promissory notes. As wordwide demand for Philippine produce grew in the 1890s, Chartered Bank granted fixed loans to leading firms against sugar, hemp, copra, tobacco and coffee. It also financed shipments of sugar to China, Canada and London; copra to Paris; and hemp to New York. Much of the produced pledged to the bank were stored in Iloilo and Cebu.

Notable of the early accounts of the bank's high reputation is a historical note about the Philippine National Hero, Dr. Jose Protacio Rizal. While pursuing advance studies in Paris at the time of the Revolutionary Movement during the Spanish regime in the country, Dr. Rizal wrote to his parents in 1886, saying:

> *"The day before yesterday, I received a draft of $200 which when collected in Francs gave me only 192, so 4% is lost. With more reason than ever, I repeat to you now what I have told you. If you are to send me money, do it by The Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China which is much better. Had you sent me those $200 through that House, they would have given me some 204 or 205 Francs."*

In 1887, the banking industry as a whole took a dip in fortunes. During the late Spanish period, however, Britain was the Philippines' largest trading partner, accounting for some 27% of exports and 33% of imports.

Effects of the execution of Dr. Rizal included the end of the Spanish regime and the entry of the American forces into the Philippines. With this came the many changes in the business and the financial sectors. Through these all, The Chartered Bank was actively progressing with its operations.

At the end of the Spanish regime, only four banks were allowed by the Americans to operate in the Philippines with combined resources standing at P40 million. The Chartered Bank was one of these four banks.

When the Americans offered Emilio Aguinaldo $400,000 to go into exile, the money was paid by a demand draft drawn on a bank in Hongkong. After that the balance was transferred to The Chartered Bank in Hongkong and placed on deposit for two years at two per cent deposit.

Upon the ascension of the new Philippine government, Standard Chartered became one of the two depository banks for the government's money. They held this distinction until 1916.

World War II brought new hardships to the bank. Its branch in the Wilson Building was frequently rocked by the constant bombing raids directed at the ships docked on the Pasig River near the building. In 1942, at the time of the Japanese occupation, all foreign banks were forced to close down, as well as to declare and surrender all their assets.

Unfortunately for The Chartered Bank, the building was claimed by the Japanese as their Treasury Headquarters. But because of foresight, the bank officials were able to evacuate a number of their gold bars to the island of Corregidor.

Although the Japanese occupation left the Philippine banking system in a state of almost total collapse, The Chartered Bank was the second bank to re-open on July 23, 1945 at the SJ Wilson Building branch. At that point of history, General Banking Act 1948 limited the presence of foreign banks to the existing number of branches each had. Thus, The Chartered Bank in the Philippines was limited to its offices in Cebu, Iloilo and Manila, with the Zamboanga office long been closed.

The year 1969 was marked as a historic year when The Standard Bank and The Chartered Bank formed into a merger into what is known today as the StandardChartered Bank.

In 1972, the Manila branch moved to a larger, and more modern, premises leased from the Philippine National Oil Company in Makati. This move happened after 25 years of staying in the Trade and Commerce Building since the end of the war.

The year 1977 saw the successful transformation of a Foreign Currency Deposit Unit which was authorized to accept deposits in foreigncurrencies and to make foreign currency loans.

Through the years, Standard Chartered has made worthwhile contributions to the development of the Philippines. It has widely supported the commercial, industrial, and agricultural sectors and has helped greatly in the growth of some of the country's exports like coffee, sugar, hemp, coconut products, ready-to-wear clothing, and handicrafts.Mid-1990's saw Standard Chartered Bank Philippines become more aggressive in reaching out to a larger market by introducing consumer banking products and services, notably the Credit Card. It was in 1999 that Standard Chartered Bank grew, opening three branches in succession in prime commercial and financial: Alabang in April, Ortigas in August, and Quezon City in December. The latter is the bank's only stand-up building and catering to an upscale residential district, while capturing the corporate and consumer markets within the northern areas of Metro Manila. Recognizing its commitment to the Philippines, the Monetary Board of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, upgraded the status of Standard Chartered into a Universal Bank last year.

Today, Standard CharteredBank Philippines is part of the international network of 500 offices and branches in 50 countries with 30,000 employees. Standard Chartered takes pride in operating two major businesses. These are Wholesale Banking, covering Corporates & Institutions and Global Markets; and Consumer Banking that include Wealth Management and Cards and Personal Loans.Chartered Bank management is Chief Executive Officer Annemarie Durbin, a lawyer and with 16 years of banking experience. She is the first lady chief executive that Standard Chartered has ever posted in the Philippines.

Standard Chartered Bank Philippines' 130 years is not only a corporate triumph of this financial institution. Rather, 130 years is the Legacy that Standard Chartered bestows on the Philippines for the country's courage and resilience; its dedication to freedom and democracy.

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explained Ajay Kanwal, General Manager for Cards and Personal Loans. Privilege One is not the only program Standard Chartered boasts about. Existing cardmembers can give up to four free supplementary cards to anyone they choose with an option to sub-limit these cards to at least P15,000.00. In addition they can even earn as much as 600 Bonus Points when the Supplementary Cards are used on or before September 30, 2002. This exciting offer is available to Standard Chartered cardmembers until July 31, 2002.

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## CORPORATE VALUES TAKE ROOTS IN STANDARD CHARTERED CHARITIES

Three years ago, Dixon, then 7, clasped the hand of a visitor from Standard Chartered Bank, his innocent eyes searching for understanding and affection which eluded him since birth. He never left the warm embrace until it was time for the visitors to go.

Dixon, now 10 and diagnosed with a learning disorder and currently undergoing special education, is one of over 100 abandoned and abused children housed at SOS Village in Alabang. With other children in the Village, he goes through his daily SPED program at the Standard Chartered Learning Center, spruced up in blue and green paints for its bookshelves, tables and chairs. His company is more than 5,000 books and other reading materials donated by Standard Chartered Bank's "Books Around the World" campaign, and currently maintained as a continuing education thrust.

Aling Beatriz, 54 years old and lined with hardship on her face and body, used to sell cigarettes in the streets of Antipolo, and would go home to a 3X4 meters of a shanty where her brood of six wait for her, hoping she would come home with a decent meal. She seldom failed them, as her P100.00 income allowed her to bring home a pack of noodles which the family shared among themselves, blending in with some porridge sprinkled with salt.

Two of her brood went to a public elementary school, while the rest lived day to day in destitute poverty. Floods would force the family to climb up the shanty's roof of rusty galvanized sheets of iron, held in place by some used automobile tires. Last year, Aling Beatriz contributed 400 hours of labor, sharing the tasks of shoveling, carpentry work, and brick laying with Standard Chartered Bank volunteers at the Habitat for Humanity Pinugay, Antipolo site. She was recently recipient of the key to a modest two-storey concrete house, handed over by a representative of the house's donor: Standard Chartered Bank. Together, Aling Beatriz and Standard Chartered Bank volunteer-employees built this house that now stands as proof of shared workmanship, dreams, and hopes.

In rural Bamban, Tarlac, 60 Aeta school children from the Pinatubo resettlement site sit in wooden desks and listen intently to their teacher who enraptures them with big letters of the alphabet on the blackboard.

They may hardly recognize the letters, but they keep still, knowing that they are finally attending a formal primary school. Around them, where windows allow, mothers and fathers and other siblings gawk at the lesson conducted by the teacher. The adults stay on from beginning to end of the class, mesmerized at the drawings, songs, and lessons. Hopefully, when they do it every day, adult literacy could happen. Huddled in a formal class like this is not bad, specially when the class is housed in a concrete structure, with "sawali" roof keeping the interior cool and shaded. This is the first Standard Chartered School for the cultural minority called Aeta, displaced by the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo more than 10 years ago. It is a one-classroom structure, modest and functional. Opening only last year, an extension classroom nearby is already swelling with another 35 Aeta children of primary school age.

The SOS Children's Village, the Habitat for Humanity Philippines, and the Aeta School in Bamban Tarlac are three of the major community project beneficiaries of Standard Chartered Bank.

Focused on youth, education, environment protection, and poverty alleviation, the Bank's community program responds to the emotional hunger of its employees to serve the community as a social responsibility mission.

Last year, employee volunteers, representing half of the bank, rolled up their sleeves and dedicated one Saturday every quarter to do community work. Since January this year, more than half of the bank's employees in Metro Manila have already rendered voluntary work at least once. This is a significant development, noted Chief Executive Officer Annemarie Durbin.

She said:

> *"I am proud of our employees' commitment to serve the community. I am humbled by their passion and dedication to go beyond their professional work and offer their time to support the disadvantaged. We remain steadfast in our goal to support the Philippines as we join its efforts in striving to empower the youth with access to education, protecting the environment, and contributing to the over-all involvement in the quality of life of the people."*

Over and above these, Standard Chartered Bank is propelled by a ONE BANK culture where community outreach is a concrete example of living the values of Courage, Responsive, International, Creative, and Trustworthy; they are values not merely slogans on the walls, but a battlecry of the heart of every employee who each believes that, Standard Chartered Bank is a great place to work.

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Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
5th Judicial Region
Branch 32
Pili, Camarines Sur

ESTER L. RODRIGUEZ, ELENA R. BERNABE, EVELYN R. SENDICO, and HEIRS OF RODOLFO L. RODRIGUEZ Rep. by FREYA L. RODRIGUEZ,
Plaintiffs,

- versus -

CELSO MABESA and NOEL MABESA,
Defendants.

CIVIL CASE NO. P-2224
For: Recovery of Ownership and Possession and Damages

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### SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2000, plaintiffs through counsel filed a verified complaint, the same was amended on February 21, 2002, the amended complaint is quoted in toto, as follows:

AMENDED COMPLAINT

PLAINTIFFS, represented by ESTER L. RODRIGUEZ, for herself and as Attorney-in-Fact, by counsel, unto this Honorable Court, respectfully states that:

1. Plaintiff ESTER L. RODRIGUEZ is of legal age, widow and a resident of 639 Peñafrancia Avenue, Naga City, Philippines; plaintiffs, the heirs of RODOLFO L. RODRIGUEZ represented by FREYA L. RODRIGUEZ of legal age, widow and a resident of 3889-A Street, Makati City; plaintiff ELENA RODRIGUEZ-BERNABE is also of legal age, married and a resident of 9 Rafael Corpus Street, Executive Village, BF Homes, Parañaque City; plaintiff EVELYN RODRIGUEZ-SENDICO is likewise of legal age, married and a resident of Adelfa St., Tahanan Villa, Parañaque City while defendant CELSO MABESA is of legal age, Filipino, married and a resident of (Cadlan) Caroyroyan, Pili, Camarines Sur and co-defendant NOEL MABESA is also of legal age, Filipino and a resident of Caroyroyan, Pili, Camarines Sur, where summons and other court processes may be served upon them. All the parties are with full civil capacity to sue and be sued.

STATEMENT OF RELEVANT FACTS

2. Plaintiffs are the surviving heirs of the deceased Atty. Delfin J. Rodriguez who died on April 1989.
3. Plaintiffs as heirs of the deceased Atty. Delfin J. Rodriguez, inherited a parcel of land registered in the name of said deceased person under TCT No. 14005 of the Registry of Deeds of Camarines Sur, more particularly described as Lot 624-B situated at Cadlan (now Caroyroyan) Pili, Camarines Sur, containing an area of 1,126,995 square meters, a photocopy of said TCT is hereto attached as Annex "A" and made an integral part hereof.
4. The said parcel of land was part of TCT No. RT-295(1927) registered in the name of Atty. Delfin J. Rodriguez, more particularly described as Lot 3, Plan Psu 20529 containing a bigger area of 1,141,901 square meters, which during the lifetime of Atty. Rodriguez was subdivided into three (3) lots to give way to the barangay road of Caroyroyan, Pili. Accordingly, the three (3) subdivided lots where then denominated as:
   a) Lot 624 - with an area of 1,133,488 sq.m.
   b) Lot 898 - with an area of 6,417 sq.m. and
   c) Lot 2521 - with an area of 1,996 sq.m.

   A photocopy of TCT No. RT-295(1927) is hereto attached and marked as Annex "B" and made an integral part hereof.
5. As a result of the subdivision, only Lot 624 and Lot 898 remained as the property of Atty. Delfin J. Rodriguez as Lot 2521 became a road lot;
6. Unfortunately when TCT No. 14005 was issued to Atty. Delfin J. Rodriguez, after the subdivision of TCT No. RT-295(1927) was made only Lot 624 was included in the technical description while Lot 898 was omitted. And the fact of omission was only discovered by the plaintiffs after the death of Atty. Delfin J. Rodriguez;
7. Thus, compelling the plaintiffs to institute a case before RTC Pili for the rectification of the error in the issuance of TCT No. 14005, which case (is) was docketed as Special Proceedings No. P-844 (pending) before Branch 32 of said court. Accordingly, on June 28, 2001, a Decision was rendered, the dispositive portion of which reads:

   "PREMISES CONSIDERED, judgment is hereby rendered ordering the Register of Deeds of Camarines Sur to correct the technical description appearing in TCT No. 14005 in the name of Delfin J. Rodriguez by adding the duly certified technical description of Lot 898, Cad 291, it being a part of Lot 3 Plan Psu-20529 containing an area of 6,417 sq.m."

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

8. Sometimes in the middle part of 1993, plaintiffs discovered that defendants Celso and Noel Mabesa took possession of the bigger portion of Lot 898 containing more or less an area of 5,000 square meters without the knowledge and consent of the plaintiffs. And because of the unlawful possession by defendants Mabesa, plaintiffs filed a case for Recovery of Ownership and Possession and Damages with Preliminary Injunction with the Regional Trial Court of Pili, Camarines Sur on November 17, 1993. Unfortunately the case was dismissed on April 21, 1998 on the ground that the court has no jurisdiction over the subject matter as the assessed value then was only P13,600.00. As of now, the new assessed value of the property is P24,460.00 as evidenced herewith by a photocopy of the A.R.P. No. 97-006-275 issued by the Provincial Assessor's Office of Camarines Sur marked as Annex "C" and made an integral part hereof.
9. At present, defendants Celso Mabesa and Noel Mabesa (is) are still in possession of the said 5,000 square meters of Lot 898 and (has) have refused to vacate the same despite demands made upon him;
10. The plaintiffs, as heirs of the late Atty. Delfin J. Rodriguez are entitled to the ownership and possession of Lot 898 to the exclusion of the defendants who (has) have no right to the property whatsoever.
11. By reason of the unlawful possession by the defendants over the subject land, that they must be ordered to vacate and remove at (his) their own expense whatever structures or improvements (he has) they have introduced thereon;
12. The defendants must likewise be ordered to pay to the plaintiffs the amount of P50,000.00 per year that (he has) they have been in unlawful possession of the subject landholding as reasonable rent for the use thereof.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

13. By reason of the defendants unlawful possession of the subject landholding and knowing fully well that (he has) they have no right thereto whatsoever, the plaintiffs have suffered severe anxiety, sleepless nights, extreme fear and social humiliation for which the defendants must be ordered to pay to the plaintiffs, the amount of P200,000.00, as by way of moral damages.
14. By reason of the defendant's disregard of the plaintiffs right over the property and by enriching (himself) themselves at the expense of the plaintiffs, the defendants must be ordered to pay the amount of P1,000,000.00 as by way of exemplary damages;
15. By reason of defendants wanton and unjustified refusal to vacate the property of the plaintiffs, the latter was compelled to seek redress before this Court and as a consequence incurred expenses in the amount of P50,000.00 for which the defendants must be ordered to pay, as by way of attorney's fees and litigation expenses.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully prayed of this Honorable Court that judgment be rendered ordering the defendants as follows:

1. to vacate the 5,000 square meter of land forming part of Lot 898;
2. to demolish all structures and improvements introduced on the subject landholding and should defendants fail to do so, to authorize plaintiffs to demolish the same at the expense of the defendants.
3. to pay the amount of P50,000.00 per year that defendants (has) have been in unlawful possession of the land, as by way of reasonable lease rental thereof;
4. to pay the amount of P200,000.00, as by way of moral damages;
5. to pay the amount of P100,000.00, as by way of exemplary damages;
6. to pay the amount of P50,000.00 as by way of attorney's fees and litigation expenses.

Such other reliefs as may be deemed just and equitable under the premises.

WHEREAS, Summons together with a copy of the original complaint and its annexes was issued for service to defendant Celso Mabesa but the Sheriff's Return showed that the said process was UNSERVED as defendant is presently in the United States of America.

WHEREAS, on August 30, 2001, plaintiffs through counsel filed a motion for Leave of Court to amend complaint (quoted above) and effect service of summons by publication, said motion was granted by the court in its order dated February 6, 2002.

NOW THEREFORE, you defendants Celso Mabesa and Noel Mabesa, both with last known address at Caroyroyan, Pili, Camarines Sur are hereby summoned through this medium of publication, you are therefore required to file with the Clerk of Court V, Regional Trial Court, Branch 32, Pili, Camarines Sur your responsive pleading and/or answer to the above-quoted amended complaint within sixty (60) days from the date of last publication, serving at the same time a copy of your responsive pleading and or answer upon plaintiff's counsel, Atty. Rene Rafeses at 3rd Floor, Trader's Square Bldg. P. Burgos St., Naga City and your failure to do so within the period herein prescribed will enable the plaintiffs to take judgment against you and demand from the Honorable Court reliefs and remedies prayed for in the Amended Complaint.

Let the Summons be published at the expense of the plaintiff in the Philippine Daily Inquirer, a newspaper of general circulation in Metro Manila and in Pili, Camarines Sur, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, the first publication shall not be later than June 12, 2002. Furthermore, let a copy of the summons together with the Amended Complaint and annexes be deposited with the Cadlan, Pili, Camarines Sur Post Office postage pre-paid by registered mail with return card to the last known address of defendants Celso Mabesa and Noel Mabesa.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE NILO A. MALANYAON, Presiding Judge of this Court this 20th day of May, 2002 at Cadlan, Pili, Camarines Sur, Philippines.

(Sgd.) LALAINE P. MONSERATE
*Clerk of Court V*

(PDI - June 12, 19 & 26, 2002)

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### NOTICE OF LOSS

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

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Province of Cotabato
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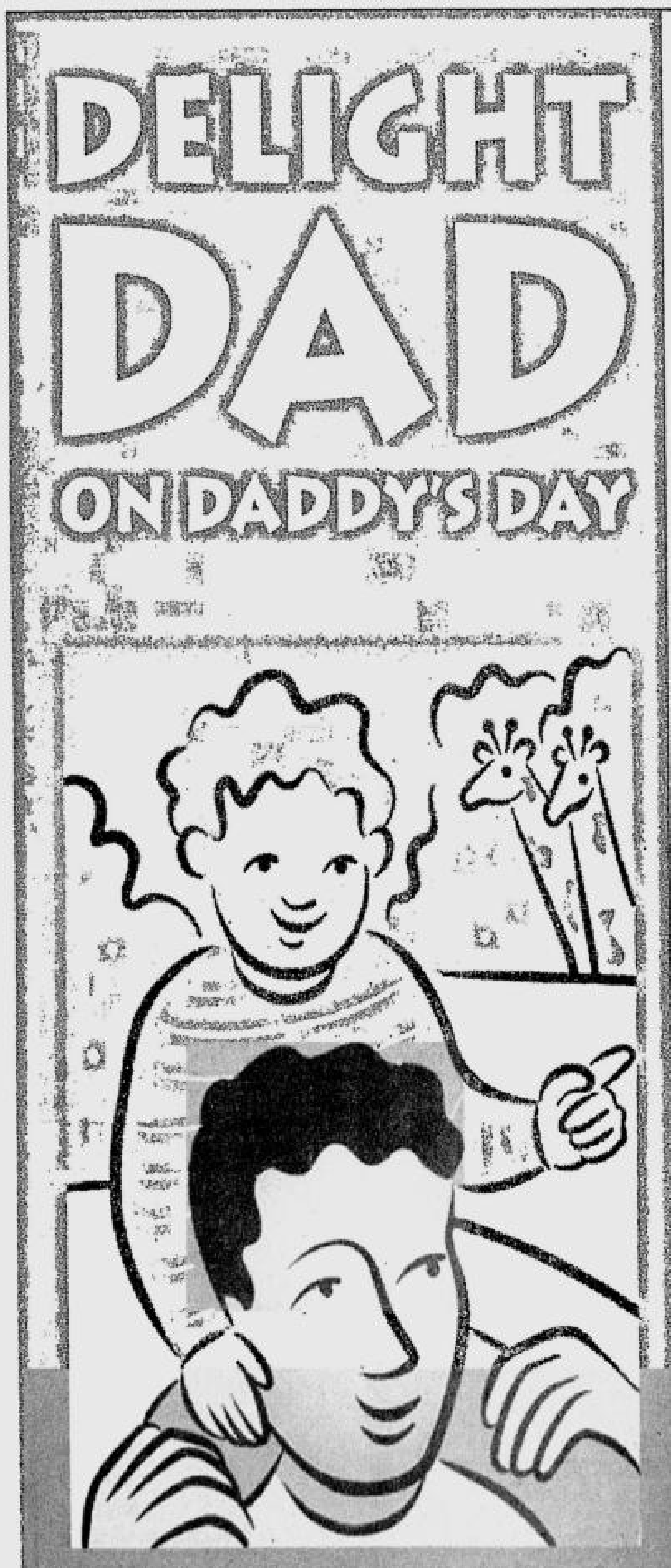
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(PDI–June 12, 2002)

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4. SUPER B
5. CASS & CARY
6. UTANG NI TATANG
7. I THINK I'M IN LOVE
8. MAGKAPATID

### SM CENTERPOINT
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2. MAMASAN
3. I THINK I'M IN LOVE
4. SUPER B
5. MAGKAPATID
6. 40 DAYS & 40 NIGHTS
7. MAGKAPATID
8. A WALK TO REMEMBER
9. UTANG NI TATANG
10. SUPER B

### SM CITY FAIRVIEW
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1. DISKARTE
2. RESIDENT EVIL
3. CASS & CARY
4. MAGKAPATID
5. MAMASAN
6. I THINK I'M IN LOVE
7. A WALK TO REMEMBER
8. SUPER B
9. MAGKAPATID
10. UTANG NI TATANG
11. 40 DAYS & 40 NIGHTS
12. STAR WARS

### SM CITY MANILA
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1. DISKARTE
2. MAMASAN
3. I THINK I'M IN LOVE
4. SUPER B
5. MAGKAPATID
6. UTANG NI TATANG
7. DISKARTE
8. MAMASAN
9. I THINK I'M IN LOVE
10. SUPER B
11. MAGKAPATID
12. UTANG NI TATANG

### SM MEGAMALL
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1. MURDER BY NUMBERS
2. RESIDENT EVIL
3. A WALK TO REMEMBER
4. 40 DAYS & 40 NIGHTS
5. CASS & CARY
6. KILABOT AT KEMBOT
7. DISKARTE
8. MAMASAN
9. I THINK I'M IN LOVE
10. MAGKAPATID
11. SUPER B
12. UTANG NI TATANG

### SM CITY NORTH EDSA
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2. MAMASAN
3. I THINK I'M IN LOVE
4. SUPER B
5. MAGKAPATID
6. UTANG NI TATANG
7. RESIDENT EVIL
8. A WALK TO REMEMBER
9. CLOSED FOR RENOVATION
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4. I THINK I'M IN LOVE
5. KILABOT AT KEMBOT
6. CASS & CARY
7. SUPER B
8. RESIDENT EVIL
9. MAGKAPATID
10. UTANG NI TATANG

### SM CITY CEBU
2313876

1. JIHAD WARRIOR
2. PANIC ROOM
3. 40 DAYS & 40 NIGHTS
4. I THINK I'M IN LOVE
5. CASS & CARY
6. LIGAYA PANTASYA . . .
7. SUPER B
8. MAGKAPATID

### SM CITY ILOILO
3209422

1. JIHAD WARRIOR
2. CLOSED
3. 40 DAYS & 40 NIGHTS
4. SUPER B
5. I THINK I'M LOVE
6. MAGKAPATID
7. CLOSED
8. PANIC ROOM

### SM CITY PAMPANGA
7128015

1. RESIDENT EVIL
2. SUPER B
3. MAMASAN
4. DISKARTE
5. I THINK I'M IN LOVE
6. MAGKAPATID

### SM SUPER CTR. SUCAT
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1. I THINK I'M IN LOVE
2. MAGKAPATID
3. A WALK TO REMEMBER
4. DISKARTE

### SM CINEMA GUADALUPE
8820984

1. CLOSED FOR RENOVATION
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### SM CINEMA TUTUBAN
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1. DISKARTE
2. MAMASAN
3. I THINK I'M IN LOVE
4. SUPER B

### SM CITY DAVAO
2976998

1. PANIC ROOM
2. MAGKAPATID
3. DEATH TO SMOOCHY
4. SUPER B
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| 3 SUPER B | 3 MURDER BY NUMBERS 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 | 3 MAGKAPATID | 3 I THINK I'M IN LOVE 12:05, 2:20, 4:35, 6:50, 9:05, 11:20 | 3 MURDER BY NUMBERS |
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|  | 5 RESIDENT EVIL |  | 5 PANIC ROOM 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 11:00 | 5 I THINK I'M IN LOVE |
|  | 6 A WALK TO REMEMBER |  |  |  |
|  | 7 40 DAYS & 40 NIGHTS |  |  |  |

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1 (SDDS) DISKARTE
2 (SDDS) MAMASAN
3 (DTS) I THINK I'M IN LOVE
4 GOLD (DTS) STAR WARS
5 GOLD (DOLBY) DRAGONFLY
6 GOLD (SDDS) A WALK TO REMEMBER
7 GOLD (DOLBY) MAGKAPATID
8 SUPER B
9 MAGKAPATID
10 UTANG NI TATANG

### Pearl Plaza Cinemas
(Parañaque) tel. 853.4486

1 DISKARTE
2 MAMASAN
3 (DTS) I THINK I'M IN LOVE
4
5
6 (DTS) KILABOT AT KEMBOT
Golden Pearl THX

### Masagana CINEMA
(Pasay) tel 833.3274

1 DISKARTE
2 MAMASAN
3 I THINK I'MIN LOVE

### starmall Movies
(Shaw Blvd.) tel 724.4986

1 DISKARTE
2 MAMASAN
3 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
4 (DOLBY DIGITAL) SUPER B
5 MAGKAPATID

### METROPOLIS star
tel 850.4285

1 DISKARTE
2 MAMASAN
3 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
4 SUPER B
5 MAGKAPATID
6 UTANG NI TATANG
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### PREMIERE CINEMA THX
(Makati City) TEL. 751-2010 TO 13

1 JUNE 18 & 19 "SUM OF ALL FEARS"

### Center Plaza Cinema
(Balanga, Bataan) tel (047) 237.7007

1 MAGKAPATID
2 STAR WARS

### FCM FAIRVIEW CENTER MALL, INC
tel 930.9515

1 SUPER B
2 MAGKAPATID
3

### Spring
(Libertad, Pasay City) tel 831.7864

1 SUPER B
A MAGKAPATID

### Sunshine
(FTI, Taguig) tel 838.4301 loc. 3376

1 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
2 SUPER B
3 MAGKAPATID
4 UTANG NI TATANG

### GOTESCO CINEMA

### Gotesco City
(Manila) tel 734.8588

1 (DOLBY) UTANG NI TATANG
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4 DISKARTE
5 MAMASAN
6 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
7 (DTS) SUPER B
8 (SDDS) MAGKAPATID
9 (DOLBY) UTANG NI TATANG

### Gotesco Caloocan
tel 362.3508

2 UTANG NI TATANG

### Gotesco Grand Central
(Caloocan) tel 364.3781

1 DISKARTE
2 MAMASAN
3 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
4 (SDDS) SUPER B
5 MAGKAPATID
6 (DOLBY) UTANG NI TATANG
7 (DTS) KILABOT AT KEMBOT
8 CASS & CARY
9 RESIDENT EVIL

### Gotesco Commonwealth
tel 951.0083

1 (DTS)
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4 SUPER B
5 (SDDS) MAGKAPATID
6 UTANG NI TATANG
7 (DOLBY) MAMASAN
8 I THINK I'M IN LOVE

### Gotesco Ortigas
tel 656.6795

1 DISKARTE
2 MAMASAN
3 (DTS) I THINK I'M IN LOVE
4 SUPER B
5 (SDDS) MAGKAPATID

### Universal
(Manila) tel 733.2470

1 MAGKAPATID

### Sampaquita
(Cubao) tel 911.7888

1 DISKARTE

### Dilson
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Lords MAGKAPATID
Jennet UTANG NI TATANG

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1 UTANG NI TATANG
2 SUPER B
3 MAGKAPATID

### Prima
(Pasig) tel 641.1215

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### Isetann Cinerama Complex Recto SUPER CINERAMA
tel 733.4238

1 (DOLBY) DISKARTE
2 MAMASAN
3 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
4 SUPER B
5 MAGKAPATID

### New Divisoria Mall DIVISORIA CINEMA
tel 244.4619

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### FRC Cinema
Talaba Bacoor Cavite

1 UTANG NI TATANG
2 DISKARTE

### Berma
tel 879.2029

1 DISKARTE
2 MAMASAN

### CitiMall
(Parañaque) tel 820.7269

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### CINEMA 2000

### Cinema 2000 Target Mall
(Sta. Rosa Laguna) tel (049) 534.2185 / 534.2198

1 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
2 DISKARTE
3 (DTS) MAGKAPATID

### Cinema 2000 Waltermart
(Calamba) tel (049) 545.7383

1 DISKARTE
2 (DTS) MAGKAPATID
3 (DOLBY) SUPER B
4 I THINK I'M IN LOVE

### Cinema 2000 Pavilion Mall
(Biñan) tel (049) 411.1146

1 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
2 (DOLBY) MAGKAPATID
3 (DTS) DISKARTE
4 SUPER B

### Cinema 2000 Cinemagix
(Urdaneta) tel(075) 568.6771

1 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
2 MAGKAPATID
3 PANIC ROOM
4

### Cinema 2000 MetroTown
(Tarlac) tel(045) 982.1729

1 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
2 SUPER B
3 (DOLBY) PANIC ROOM
4 (DTS) MAGKAPATID

### Lianas Cinema
(Alabang) tel 850.1276

1 (SDDS) DISKARTE
2 MAMASAN
3 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
4 (DTS) UTANG NI TATANG

### Lianas MovieCity
(Calamba) tel (049) 545.7202

1 (DOLBY) DISKARTE
2 MAGKAPATID
3 (DTS) I THINK I'M IN LOVE
4 SUPER B
5 DEATH TO SMOOCHY

### Olivarez Tri-Cinema
(Biñan) tel (049) 511.8883

1 MAGKAPATID
2 DISKARTE
3 I THINK I'M IN LOVE

### Olivarez Los Baños
tel (049) 249-2558

1 MAGKAPATID
2 DISKARTE
3 I THINK I'M IN LOVE

### Olivarez Tagaytay
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1 AKALA MO
2 KLABOT AT KEMBOT
3 BUKANG BIBIG

### Morales Cinema
(Biñan) tel (049) 511.9736

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### Cabuyao
(Laguna City) tel (049) 531.4808

1 (DTS) DISKARTE
2 (DTS) MAGKAPATID

### Fourstep
(Cavite) tel (046) 416.2365

1 CLOSED

### Emperor
(Rosario Cavite) tel (046) 438.1657

1 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
2 MAGKAPATID
3 DISKARTE

### Fiesta World Mall
(Lipa) tel (043) 981.0790

1 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
2 CASS & CARY
3 MAGKAPATID
4 DISKARTE

### Jade Cinema
(Angeles City) tel (045) 887.5001 to 03

1 (DOLBY EX) I THINK I'M IN LOVE
2 SUPER B
3 (DTS) MAGKAPATID
4 DISKARTE

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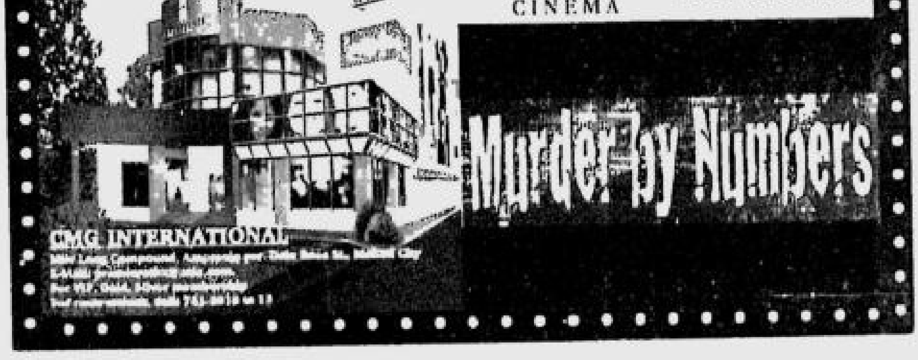

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4 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
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7 UTANG NA LOOB
8 A WALK TO REMEMBER
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10 40 DAYS & 40 NIGHTS

### Ermita
536 -7809- 12

1 MAGKAPATID
2 MAMASAN
3 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
4 SUPER B
5 MAGKAPATID
6 UTANG NA LOOB
7 DISKARTE

### Metro East -
Marcos Hway 682- 8193 / 8280

1 DISKARTE
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5 MAGKAPATID
6 UTANG NI TATANG
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### Novaliches
935- 3229 - 30

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2 MAMASAN
3 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
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### Imus
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1 DISKARTE
2 MAMASAN
3 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
4 SUPER B
5 MAGKAPATID
6 UTANG NI TATANG

### Bacolod
441- 0453 / 0459

1 40 DAYS & 40 NIGHTS
2 MAGKAPATID
3 RESIDENT EVIL
4 DEATH TO SMOOCHY
5 PANIC ROOM
6 SUPER B

### Iloilo
336- 8077 - 78

1 JIHAD WARRIOR
2 MAGKAPATID
3 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
4 SUPER B
5 PANIC ROOM
6 40 DAYS & 40 NIGHTS

### Star Mills-
Sn Fernando, Pamp 875- 1927
961-5318 / 5270

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3 DISKARTE
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# Matt Damon promotes film to boost theater

BOISE, Idaho—Actor Matt Damon came into town to promote his latest film and to try and boost a local theater.

A fleet of cameras outside the Fulton Street Theater descended on Damon while the Hollywood star made an appearance to raise money for the Boise Contemporary Theater.

Damon talked with reporters, greeted fans and charmed about 450 people at the benefit reception Saturday night.

"It's hard to believe he's really here," said Karee Granger, 24, who drove from Ontario, Oregon.

Damon introduced an advanced screening of his latest movie, "The Bourne Identity." He is on a whirlwind tour to promote the spy thriller, and his fund-raiser also generated about $30,000 for the Idaho theater's operating budget.

"It's great to do something like this to support theater," Damon said. "I think Boise is a great town. It's really beautiful."

**Eastwood as commissioner**

SANTA CRUZ, California — Clint Eastwood was sworn in as a state parks commissioner at the beginning of the 100-year birthday celebration for Big Basin Redwood State Park, California's oldest state park.

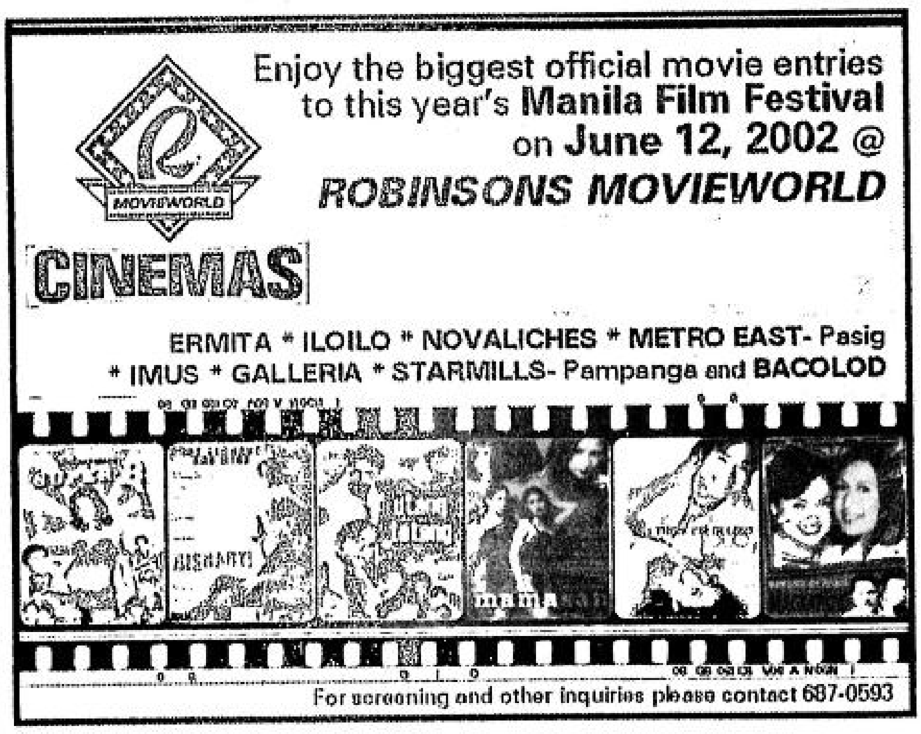
"You're all under arrest," he told the crowd as he held up his new parks commissioner badge.

At his swearing in Saturday, the actor and Carmel businessman said his biggest priority was maintenance. Eastwood also encouraged conservationists to "put your money where your mouth is."

"The thing we want to do is energize people to buy lands," he said.

The problem with the state parks for the past decade has been "non-maintenance," and the state parks system is frequently short of money and long-term planning, said the commission's chairman, attorney Joseph Cotchett.

Eastwood, 72, said his grandmother used to bring him to Big Basin, a 20,000-acre (8,000-hectare) park with magnificent redwoods and 80 miles (129 kilometers) of hiking trails that draws about 1 million visitors a year. **AP**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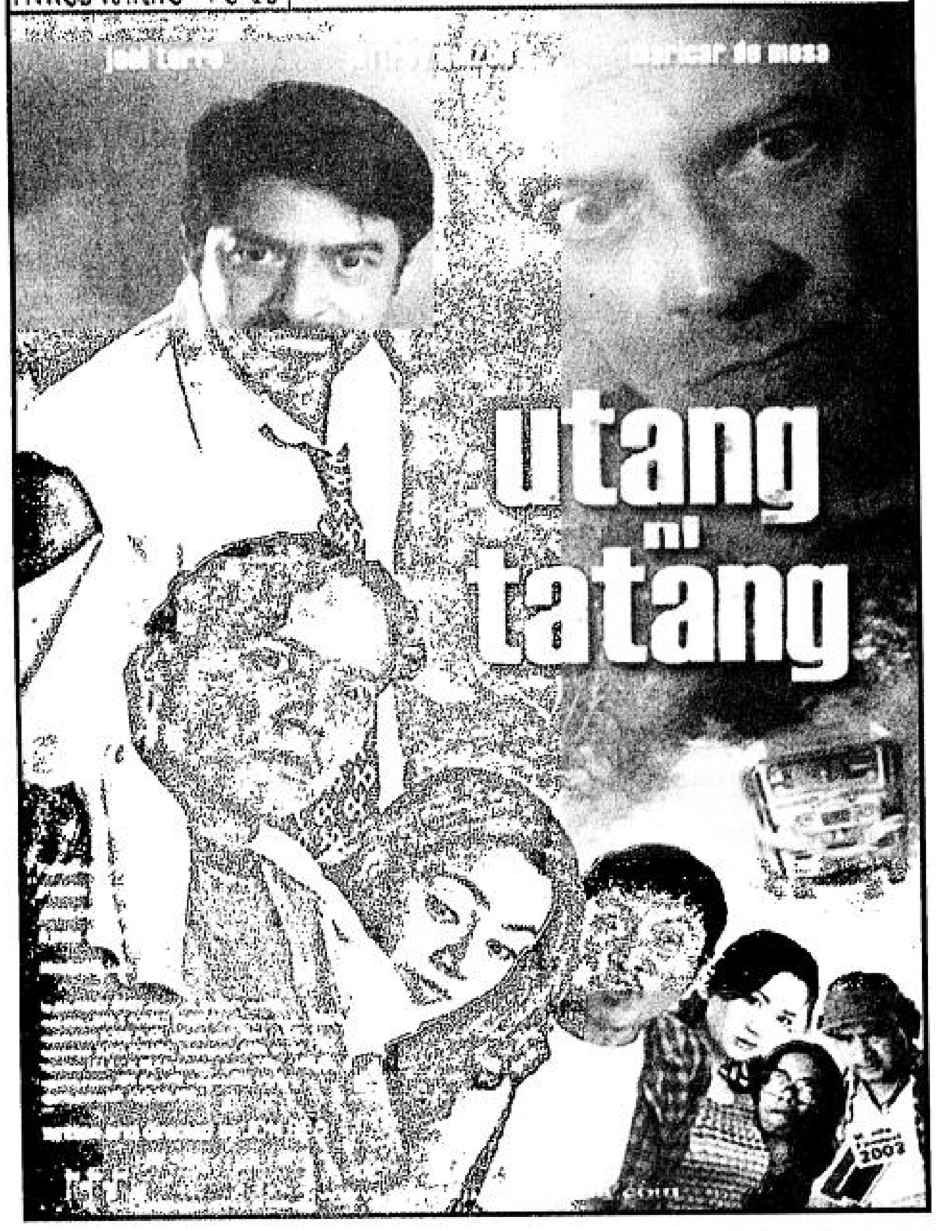
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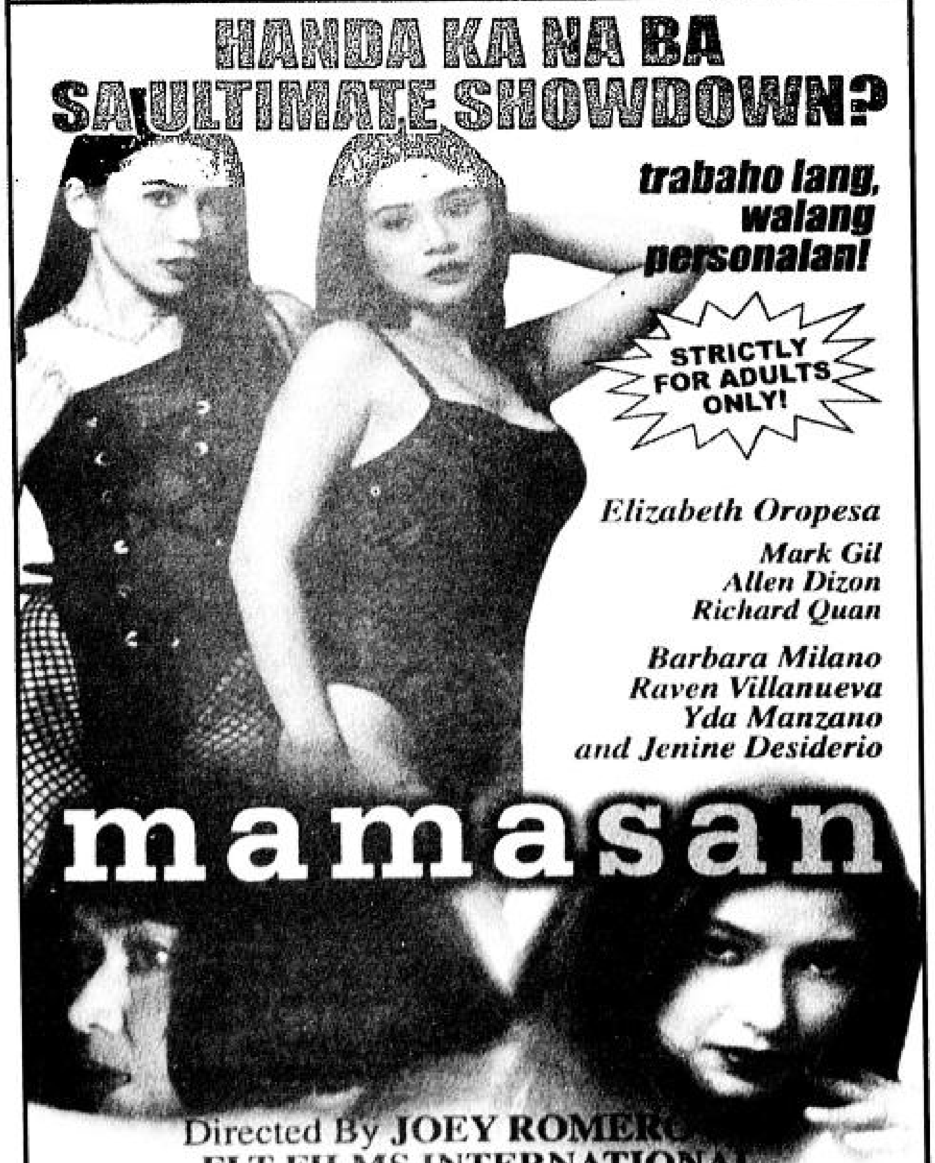
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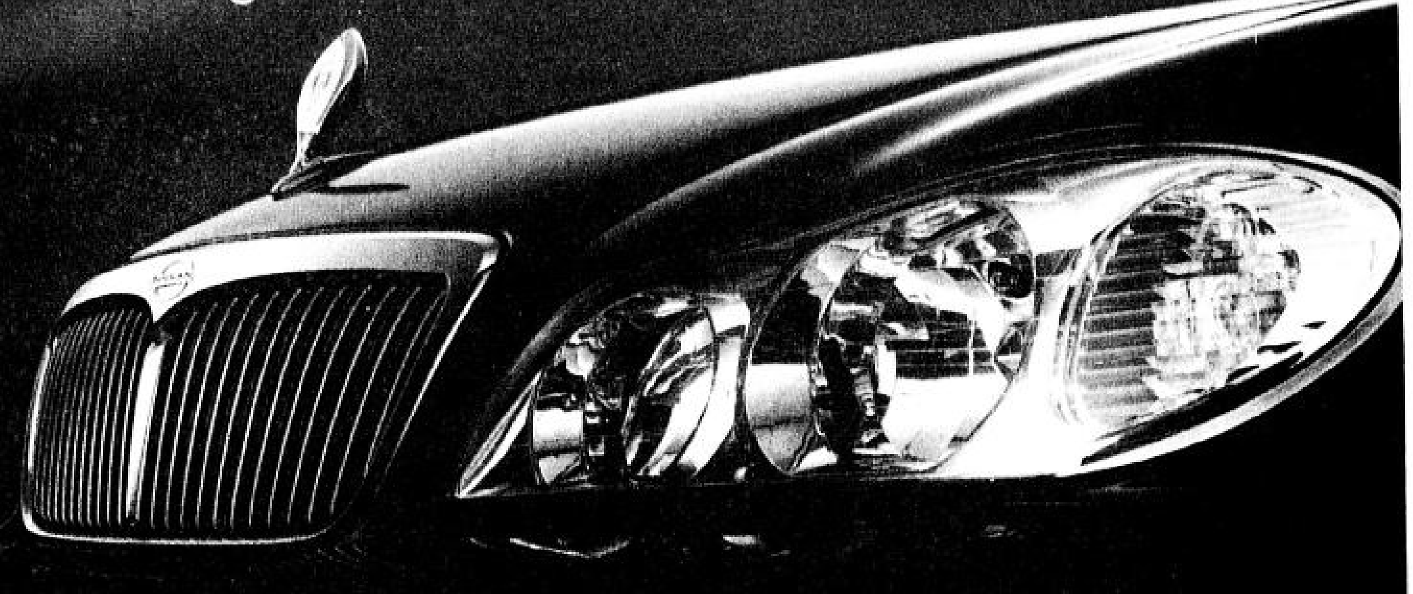

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# PEOPLE at WORK

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A SECOND CHANCE AT FREEDOM

## Sociologist provides hope to prisoners

**By Maricris Tamolang**

WHAT is a sociology graduate doing in prison? Clarissa Cu graduated with a degree in sociology in 1966. Today, she is a supervising parole and probation officer and her accomplishments, together with other officers all over the Philippines, were given recognition last October 2001. She was awarded the correctional excellence for her numerous activities for both her "clients" (prisoners on parole) and her community in Daet, Camarines Norte.

Among her projects as a supervising parole and probation officer which were recognized are the solicitation program, community services, individual and group counseling, women's month, anti-drug abuse prevention program, skills training, food for work, family week, tree planting, food production and backyard gardening and the national correctional consciousness week.

### Benevolent act

What does she get from it? "Nothing compares to an act of benevolence," she declares. "It is something that lifts your spirit. Upon seeing a couple or three of those who are suffering from poverty relieved, only one thing comes to mind. They need me, they need people like us...people with kind hearts."

"This is the kind of work I wished for, the job that my heart longed for even when I was still a child," she says. "If you give out something, it comes back to you."

It all started in February 1981 when she applied for a job as project analyst at the governor's office of Camarines Norte after quitting her job in the Department of Public Works and Highways. The governor assigned her to the provincial jail but she was detailed to the warden's office for their special projects.

Despite her gender, which seemingly does not quite fit the job, she became interested in the position of an investigator at the parole and probation office. With the help of her excellent job performance, she was offered the job of a probation inspector at the parole and probation administration. Later on, she was summoned by the Department of Justice in Manila to take a training course in the Parole and Administration office at Remedios Taft.

### Prison life

With her new job, she took her patience one step further. She dealt with inmates in the provincial jail and her life as a social worker.

In prison, the life stories of inmates tugged at her heart. She discovered that some of them were just victims of injustice. Sometimes, she would gather information about the prisoner's case and find out that he wasn't really at fault.

She began inspecting their food, careful not to let them eat something that does not nourish at all.

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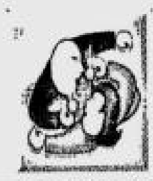

She studied the plight of the inmates. She explained that some go to jail after charges are filed. While preliminary hearings are being conducted, they will remain incarcerated unless their cases are bailable.

She recalls that during Marcos' time, most of the cases they held were minor like theft, estafa and serious physical injuries. That's why it is easier for their applicants to get a probationary status.

### Criteria for probation

"We see the chances of applicants for probation if they are sentenced to below six years in jail," she explains. "After the decision in court, they can apply at once through the help of a lawyer."

The lawyer will then prepare the application papers to be submitted to the judge who will decide if the client is qualified. If yes, the judge would give an order to conduct an investigation of the person, and that's where Cu's work starts.

"He will come to our office and we're going to investigate his case. If she or he has all the qualifications, we will do a study, probation sheet and recommendation," she explains. "We are the recommending officers of the judge. If there is no recommendation made after our investigation, he can't avail himself of a probation program."

While on probation, the inmate will serve his sentence outside the prison. He can work, stay with his relatives and family but he has to report to their office monthly.

Other projects under their office are the rehabilitation program, recollection program, guidance and counseling,. seminars and training, and livelihood program.

Their clients stay with them according to the prescribed time and the program helps them to learn other things even after leaving the office. Their office has about a hundred of clients since 1978. "We are with the decongestion program of the DOJ right now," Cu says.

### Poverty

A generous person since she was a child, she grew up witnessing poverty among her neighbors in her hometown in Daet. She would watch them quietly and ponder how they survive each day.

The inequality between the poor and the rich weighed heavily on her and she wondered why there are those who feed on crumbs and beg for food, while others have more than enough.

"I didn't understand at first, but in time, I learned life is never really fair," she says. "I belong to a well-off family who values sharing so I learned how to give out."

She and her siblings were taught never to trample on the rights of the helpless. Rather, her parents showed them how to extend a helping hand.

They weren't allowed to work outside their Chinese clan, but she traded the good life of a businesswoman for social work.

### Early start

Being involved in many outreach programs in the community, Cu's life as a young advocate of altruism, started in her college years.

When she graduated from the University of Santo Tomas in 1966, she went back home and joined the Daet Bulawan Jaycees, a leadership training organization in Camarines Norte. She has since become an active social worker in her hometown. Later on, she became the president and was elected the national vice president of its national office.

Cu, a social worker by heart and a parole and probation officer by profession doesn't get material wealth from helping out. "Money can't buy happiness!" affirms Cu. Sometimes, the clients she helped would cry, tears of joy welling in their eyes. "It is only then I realize my work means so much to the less fortunate ones," she says, "and I'm so proud of it."

CLARISSA Cu

JM GUIAO PUNZALAN

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## How do you fire a potentially violent employee?

**Dear WW: I've fired many employees through the years, but right now I've got a guy who scares me. Maybe there's been one too many postal shootings, but I'm afraid this guy could turn violent.**

**Ready To Blow?**

Speaking of things that are ready to blow...your letter reminded me of Richard Williams. In addition to being Police Chief of Madison, Wisconsin, Williams is a chef of some repute. One day, while he had a well-dressed turkey basting in his oven, he heard a loud explosion. He ran to the kitchen, opened the oven door, and guess what? The turkey wasn't the only item cooking. Williams had forgotten to remove his service revolver, which he'd put there for safekeeping.

Well, you need to take a few more precautions than the Chief if you want to prevent an explosion. You're facing a potentially dangerous situation and while there's no way to defuse it entirely, there are things you can do to put some safety mechanisms in place.

For advice, I turned to the August, 1998 cover story in Workforce magazine (http://workforceonline.com/target), the leading publication for Human Resource directors. The article quotes Mission Viejo, CA based clinical psychologist, Manny Tau. I've adapted his suggestions below.

1. Have you assessed the risk? Talk to fellow employees to find out what kind of trouble you might expect. Has your "firee" engaged in previous acts of violence? Does he threaten violence or talk about weapons? Is he a gun enthusiast? This information can help you determine what type of aggressive behavior to expect.

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*Bob Rosner*

2. Where are you going to hold your meeting? Mr. Tau suggests that you position yourself so you can make a quick exit from the room if necessary. Also, he suggests using a conference room where you can minimize the amount of furniture and other items (heavy books, clocks, scissors, etc.) that could be used as weapons or thrown.

3. When are you going to hold the meeting? Conventional wisdom holds that firings should be done on Fridays. But that gives the fired employee's anger time to fester over the weekend. Mr. Tau suggests that all terminations be done on Monday so the dismissed employee can immediately start looking for new opportunities and getting on with his or her life.

4. Are you planning to do it alone? Don't. Protect yourself by calling in reinforcements. If possible, use your company's security guard. Or consider finding a consultant who specializes in minimizing workplace violence. To find such a person, network with human resource directors in your area.

5. Do you treat all employees with respect when they're being terminated? Firings generate strong emotions and can easily trigger an outburst. You can minimize the chances of that by watching your language and tone of voice. Avoid raising your voice, arguing, questioning the person's integrity, staring, or talking in condescending tones.

Chief Williams learned the hard way how to keep a fowl situation from exploding. Hopefully with this advice your situation won't overheat.

Here are the results of the recent workingwounded.com/ABCnews.com poll: Have you ever faced a violent situation at work?

-Yes, I've been a victim, 21.8 percent

-No, but I've seen someone else victimized, 25.9 percent

-No, I've never seen a violent outburst, 52.2 percent

Our winning strategy is from H.S. in cyberspace. "The best way to fire someone is to let them make their own choice to leave. I begin by calling the employee into my office for a chat. I go over his or her specific problems. I then advise them to take a paid day off and think very hard on how to eliminate the problem. Then in writing, I offer them two weeks pay if they choose not to return. Every time I've done it the employee has chosen to not return to work. They have money, time and the dignity of making their own decision."

*(E-mail feedback to bob@workingwounded.com)*

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## How do I develop company vision and mission?

**By Tita Datu Puangco**

ALBERT RODRIGUEZ

**I HAVE just started in a new job that involves working on my own a lot. My job is with a foreign-based company. As I am the only representative of that company locally, I work mostly with minimal supervision. However, the company I work for does not have a clear vision, mission, goals (VMG) in this region that would point the way for me to work effectively and well. I know I should devise my own work plan and work strategy. But without a clear sense of the VMG, I am left most time without a clear goal in mind. I read your column in the Inquirer and saw that you had several guidelines for making a personal visioning statement. However, I would like to find out how to go about it the official way for companies.**

**Proactive Country Rep**

Congratulations for wanting to take the initiative to craft your company vision, mission and goals. You are right. A company vision and mission should provide you with the direction you need to begin your work. There is no official way of writing the company vision and mission but there are many available models. What is important when I work to help companies craft their vision and mission is to understand the character and practice of the company. From there I would know how to guide the exercise.

What is the difference between vision and mission? Vision is typically associated with a goal, an aspiration, and an ambition. Mission, on the other hand, has to do with the reason why the company exists and what makes it distinct from other companies.

A vision is a clear picture of a desired end result. It is a lofty definition of a future state.

What is the impact of having a vision? It creates a creative tension between the current reality and the desired future conditions.

I remember 10 years ago, a small group of us developed the Ancilla vision, "to be the leading value adding, Philippine consulting and training company and a source of creative product design for select world markets". It looked like a dream then, but the mind works, action is purposively channeled, measures are drawn up and the vision, we think, is at hand.

### Mission

How about mission? It is a strategic tool that appeals to the mind. It answers two questions "what is our business and what should it be." It also acts as cultural glue that enables the organization to function as one body. It guides the organization and people in terms of what to do and what not to do.

Again, using Ancilla as an example, our mission is "to be a helping hand to leaders, organizations and enterprises in managing change and adding value towards sustainable development." It demonstrates distinctive competencies in consultancy, training and organization research. When we come to the value to particular stakeholders, this can come in a series of statements. For example: "To our clients, we deliver the results we promise and track enterprise impact of our interventions. To our consultants and associates, we commit to your continuous and holistic personal and professional growth within a learning community. To our technology partners, we pledge to protect your knowledge products and be transparent in our business dealings."

### Guiding principles

Some mission statements also include guiding principles. "We achieve our vision and mission guided by gospel based beliefs and the practice of the values of customer service, unity, teamwork and mutual concern for one another." Then you can double check your output by asking yourself: Is the mission clear, understandable and memorable? Is it positively worded and can serve as rallying point? Can it serve as a template that guide people in making decisions? Does it reflect the key values and beliefs of the organization? Does it reflect the distinctive, unique competence of the organization? Does it focus on a single and focal statement of purpose?

Finally, check your draft with your regional boss to ensure alignment, involvement and ownership.

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FOR THE ANXIOUS PERSON AT WORK

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## Moms make great CEOs

**WORKING MOM**

*An Mercado Alcantara*

AT THE People at Work Live! Seminar Series, I was so inspired by the presentation of Lirio Mapa, vice president of Center for Leadership and Change, Inc. The meat of her presentation was about building synergy for organizational excellence, a topic perfect for working moms who are trying not only to synergize efforts within their workplace but also to blend the best interests of the company with that of her family. The impetus behind synergy is the recognition that we achieve much more by collaborating with others but it "requires valuing differences through humility."

### Level 5

I was so struck at how humility—a virtue motherhood instantly and constantly gives us hands-on training for—is so essential to the success of excellent organizations. In fact, quoting from Jim Collins, author of the groundbreaking business books, Built To Last and Good To Great, Mapa listed the qualities of the kind of leader that can transform an organization dramatically. Collins called the type of leader that can turn a simply good organization to one that is leading the pack a Level 5 Executive. These leaders "build an enduring greatness through a paradoxical blend of personal humility and professional will." Isn't that the stuff we working moms are made of?

Having professional will means having the determination and the unwavering resolve to get superb results. It also means taking full responsibility for all that happens to the company—even the bad. When results fall short or mistakes are made, a level 5 executive takes full command responsibility, never blaming someone else nor bad luck. Sounds familiar? It sounds to me like maternal will. We dream superb dreams for our children, take full responsibility for their care, and have the unwavering commitment to their welfare. If we apply the same kind of passion and commitment that we give our family to our work, using all the professional resources made available to us, then our presence can effect big results in our workplace. We can be the most professional asset of the organization, and they will never guess it is because we are moms.

### Humility

The flip side to professional will is great personal humility. Collins emphasized that the globally successful companies that made dramatic surges in growth were all steered by a CEO with inspiring humility. These leaders possessed compelling modesty and quiet determination. They were never boastful, giving credit to their employees rather than themselves. And they set up successors for greater success. All these characteristics are not taught in business school. No matter what MBA degree you hold, the best schools for these virtues are in the family. Our daily struggle to be the best mom we can be is scout ranger training for humility. Our best assets come not in ego-filled packages but in humble offerings. This is why working moms, who recognize that humility is a strength, can harness teamwork so much more effectively. We know how to make people work together because we have so much practice in it.

Give yourself a pat on the back, today. You have what it takes to be a great CEO.

*(An Mercado-Alcantara is editor-in-chief of the magazine Metro Working Mom published monthly by ABS-CBN Publishing).*

# BUSINESS

## RP moves to shore up rice stock

THE PHILIPPINES will import an additional 250,000 metric tons of rice from India to shore up the National Food Authority's strategic buffer stock.

Though this would mean additional cash spending for the Philippine government estimated at P2.202 billion this year, it would ensure that there would be enough rice stocks in case the El Niño weather disturbance hit the country this October, the NFA said.

These new rice imports, scheduled to come in not later than August, will bring the country's total imports to 640,000 metric tons, lower than last year's 810,000 metric tons.

India was one of the winning bidders of the earlier shipment. Thailand, Vietnam and Pakistan also won contracts to ship rice to the Philippines.

The NFA awarded the contract to India on the basis of the best terms submitted, taking into consideration the lowest price, quality, delivery date and counter-trade offer.

The NFA said while regional prices of rice had increased, PEC Ltd. of India had not changed its prices from their April posted prices.

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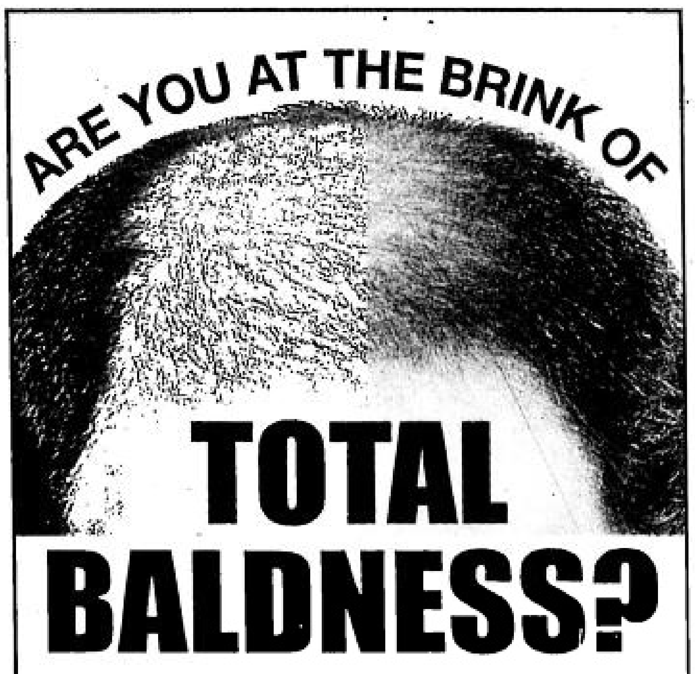
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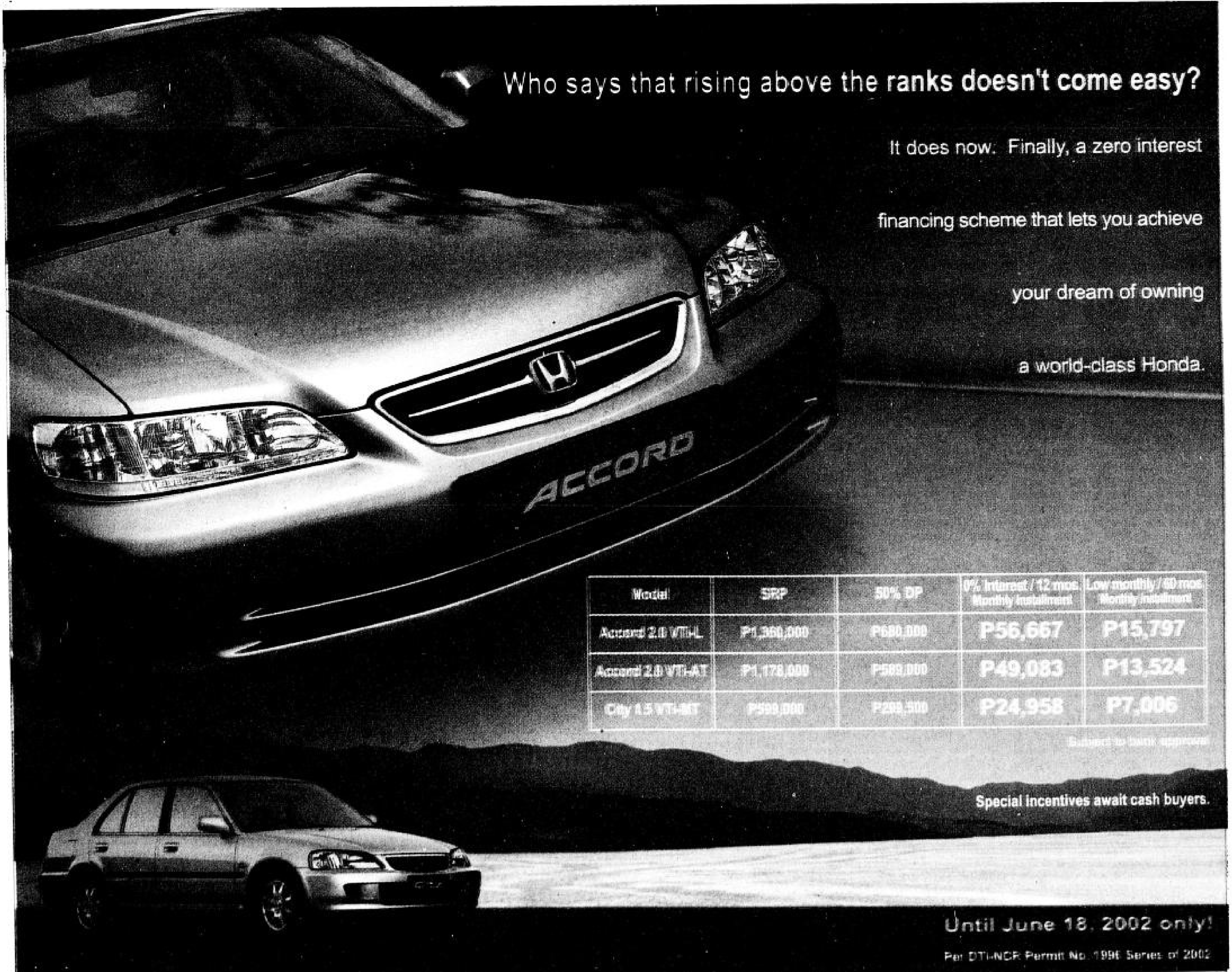
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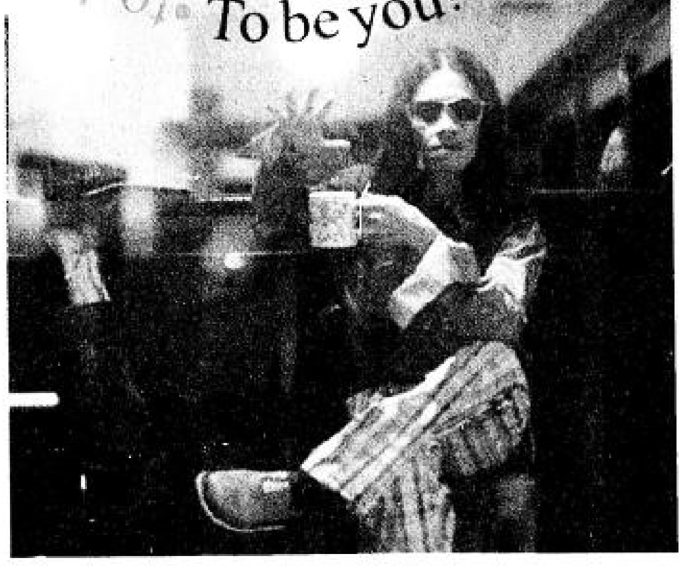

# The opposite of beauty

**By Tim Yap**

UGLY. This word makes one cringe. Ugly is equated to anything evil and unpleasant. When 2bU! looked at a website citing the ugliest person alive, it said, Osama Bin Laden. Then again, we checked out this other site called "ugly models," where the slightest imperfections made them fall under that classification. Looking around, it is so easy to see the ugliness in the world, what with the chaos and darkness in our surroundings.

What makes this world ugly. The lighter side of ugly. Why one of our correspondents like ugly men. Reviews of all things ugly. History of ugliness. Ugly TV. If ugly is so ugly, then why are we so obsessed with it?

In our generation where terminologies sometimes stand for people's false perceptions, ugly can take on a different form. Ugly can be beautiful and beautiful can be

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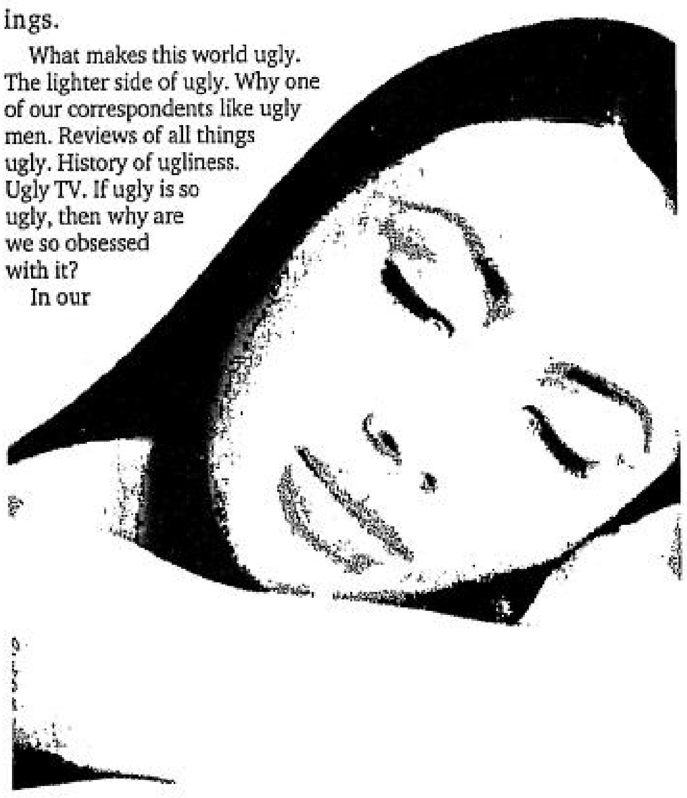

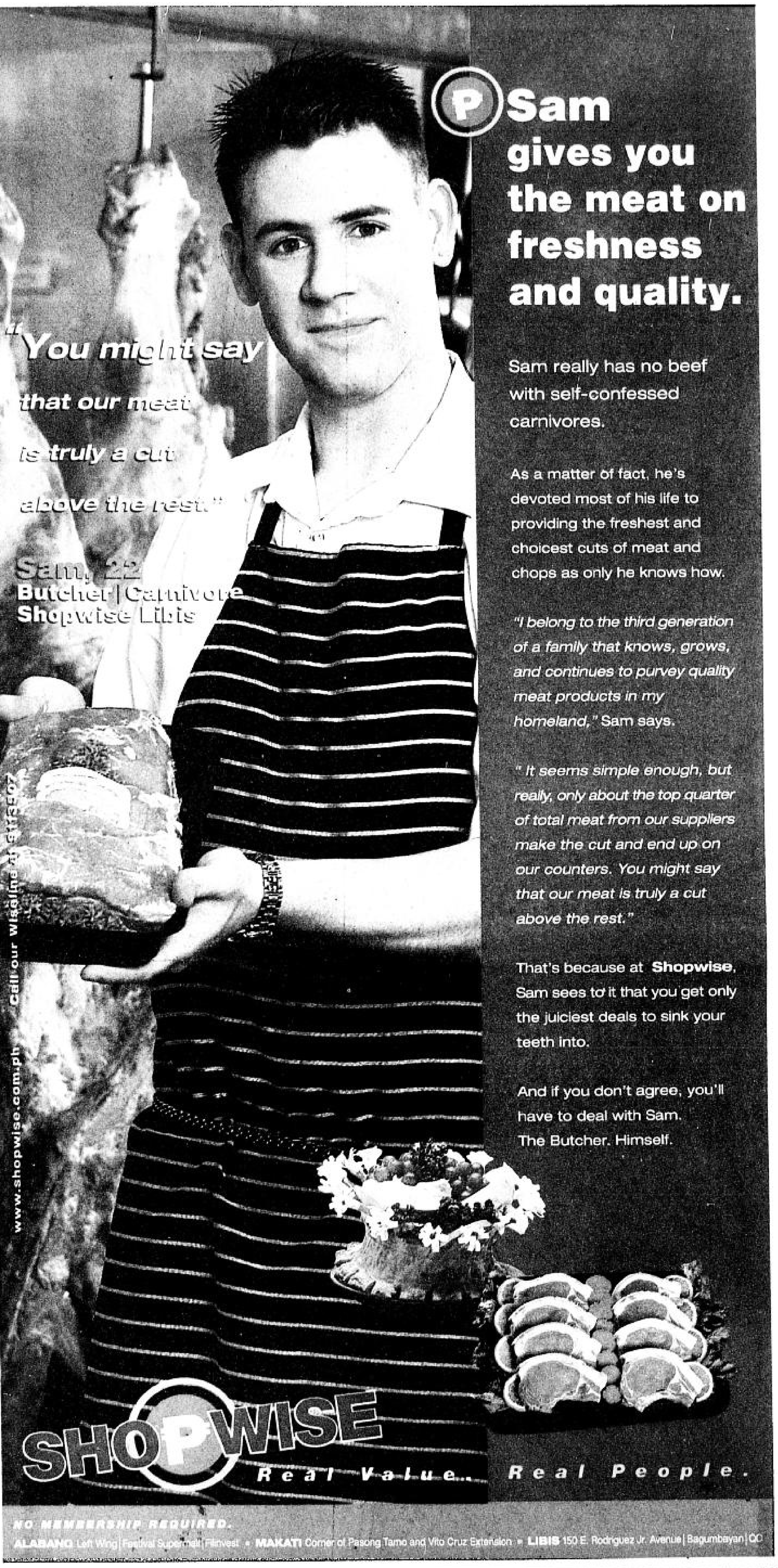

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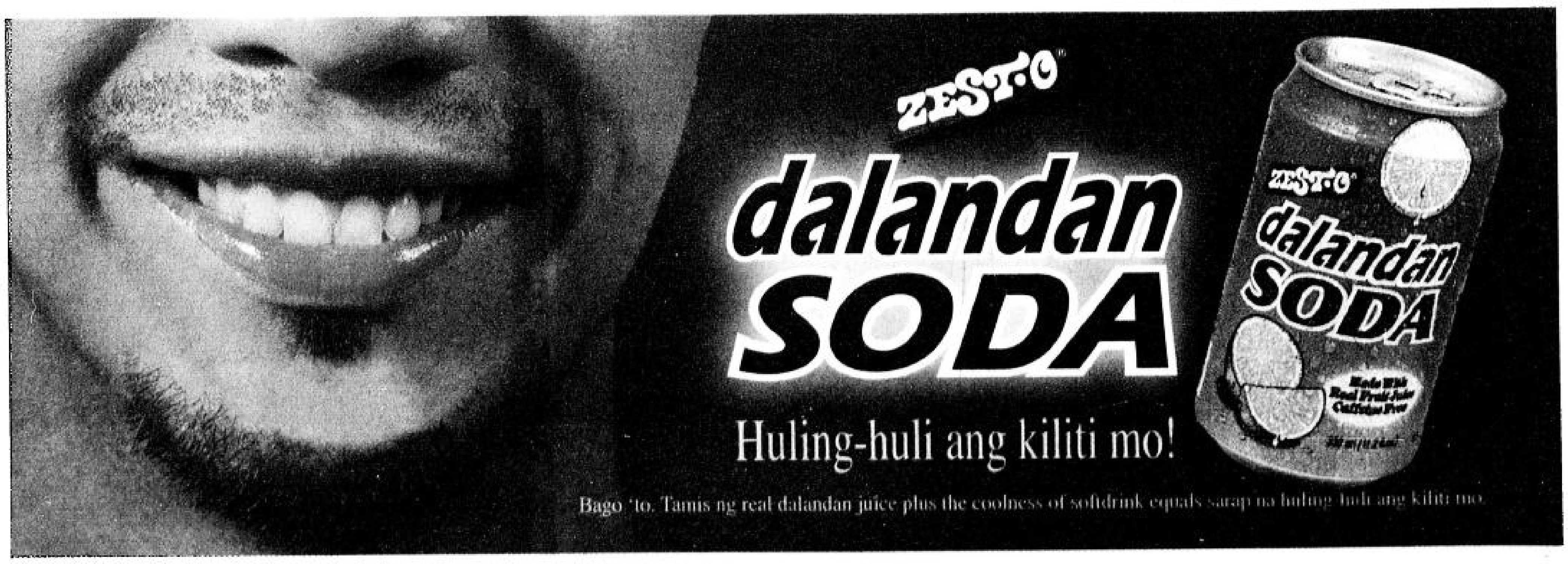

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# The opposite of beauty

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ugly. Everything is relative. In our story and fashion shoot on underground scene icon and UnTV host Tado, we present a person who plays "ugly" roles—"taong grasa," car- napper, salvage victim—but who exudes so much beauty of character that artists get inspired by his edgy energy.

Sometimes it takes for us to see that side in order to appreciate beauty and the simplicity of life. Here in 2bU's "ugly" issue, we do not wish to nit pick on the negative side of things. It is too easy and far too shallow. That is far from what we want and are about.

In our survey, we asked random personalities to name that ugly bone in them, and in doing so, hope that it gets flushed out. As with our correspondent who went through with liposuction—it was during her not-so-beautiful moments that she saw the inner being waiting to come out. Even people who are expected to be beautiful, like model Dianne Sison—tells us of her "ugly duckling" story.

On the other hand, we also present a hodge podge of the last MTV Pilipinas 2002 Awards, where the good, the bad and the ugly came out to party. And so did the beautiful—check out our awards update and fashion story. I also checked out this bar in an "ugly" location on the outskirts of the city. I turned out having a grand wet and wild weekend in that side of town.

2bU! has always been about celebrating life and the little joys of its existence. Whether it be about youthful zest or teenage angst, we are here to share those joyful, happy, sad, lonely, sensational and scintillating moments with you. And if it takes for us to spotlight the ugly to sense what is indeed beautiful, then so be it.

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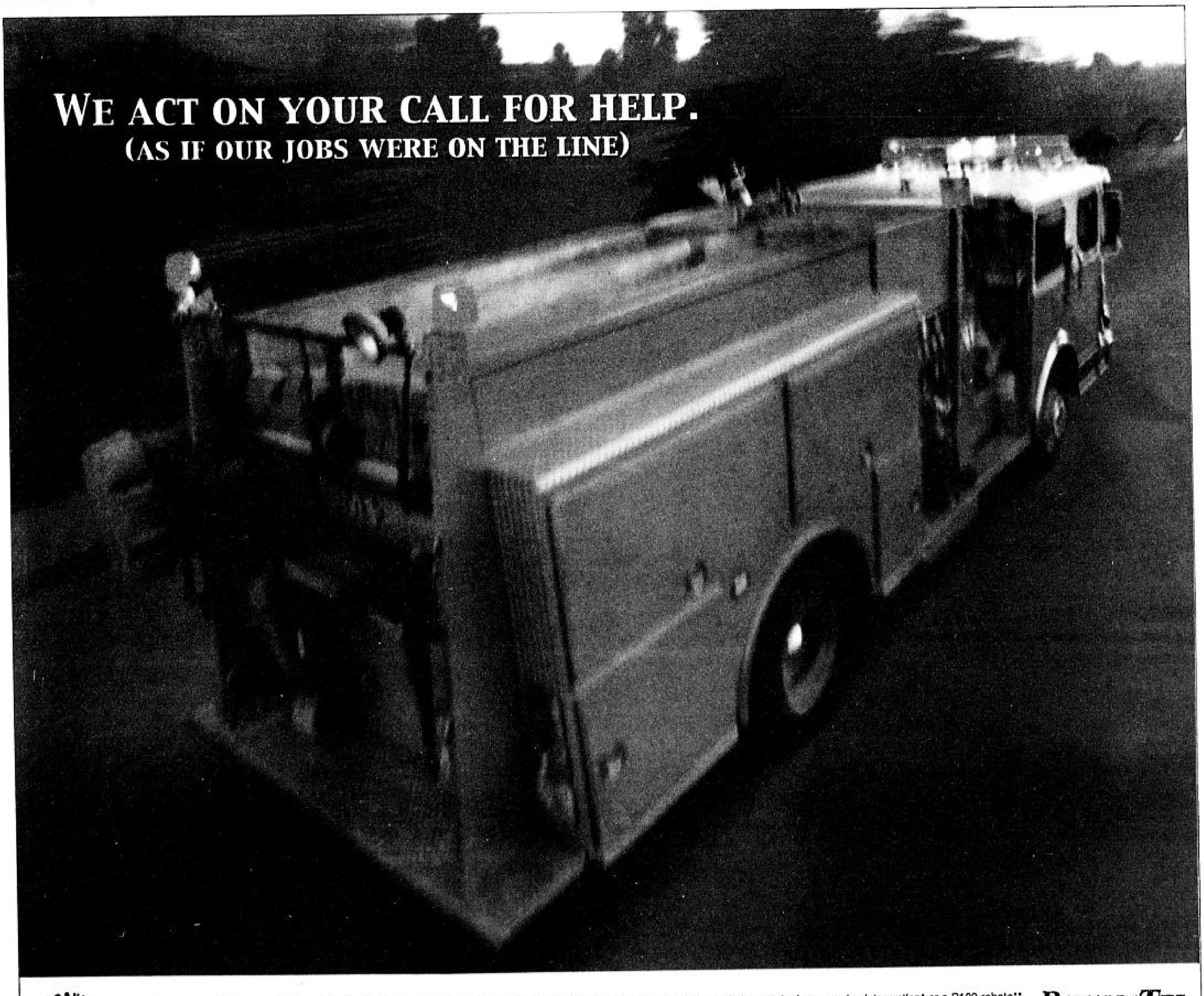
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2bU! SURVEY

# What do you find ugly in yourself?

2bU! asked people to spill their insecurities. We applaud the brave souls who answered our question. After all, there is beauty in accepting one's flaws.

It has got to be my "man-boobs!" They're bigger than most women's.—**Dwin, 23**

My body, *obvious ba?*—**Drew**

My height. I'm only 5'5"—**Ferdz, 23**

Right now? The pimple on my nose!—**Robi Mercene, 19**

I find my feet ugly. *Parang pang-magsasaka.*—**Allen Samson, 22**

My temper. The people close to me get hurt when I lose it.—**BJ Collado, 19**

My birthmark on my right hand! People either mistake it for dirt, a tattoo, a *pasa* or a scar.—**JP, 18**

My tummy. It's not as firm as John Hall's or Marc Nelson's.—**Lee Espino, 23**

My big tummy.—**Kap**

I hate myself for being snobbish to some girls especially when I feel that they like me.—**Marvel, 22**

My chest.—**Ryan Lastra, 22**

My ultra-sensitive skin.—**Kat, 15**

I can't contain myself from acting so grouchy at times. Also being an ass, and a bore.—**Gabby, 19**

My (involuntary) ability to find ugliness in others.—**Gareth Guevarra, 19**

I find my tummy ugly in myself. It could do better. Enjoyed summer too much. Food and parties galore.—**Matt Montoya, 20++**

Too much paranoia. That makes me look stupid and ugly.—**Kelly, 21**

*Mapanglait* and *suplado.*—**Ketsup Guy, 21**

I think my eyes are ugly. That's why I always wear shades.—**Jugs, 23**

Physically, my tubby tummy and my oily skin. Internally, the way I handle money and my laziness.—**Qpid**

My ego. Sometimes super *yabang*, sometimes unreasonably insecure.—**Albert, 25**

My tummy! I always wish that instead of my stomach protruding, *sana* boobs *ko na lang*!"—**Jet Valle**

My entire body.—**Maui, 18**

My chest—*pang-girl.*—**Giles, 22**

My tendency to think of myself as ugly.—**Jason**

I easily trust people.—**Carlo Adorador**

Pride. Pride makes you ugly. *Payabangan na lang tayong lahat.*—**Rob, 21**

*Madaling mainip at mahiyain.*—**Geoffrey Dela Guerra**

I'm too thin.—**Bill David**

I'm too fat.—**John Emmanuel Buencamino**

My hair and my preppy image. I think I need a complete makeover. I wanna be bad!—**Ernie Gerald Hintay, 22**

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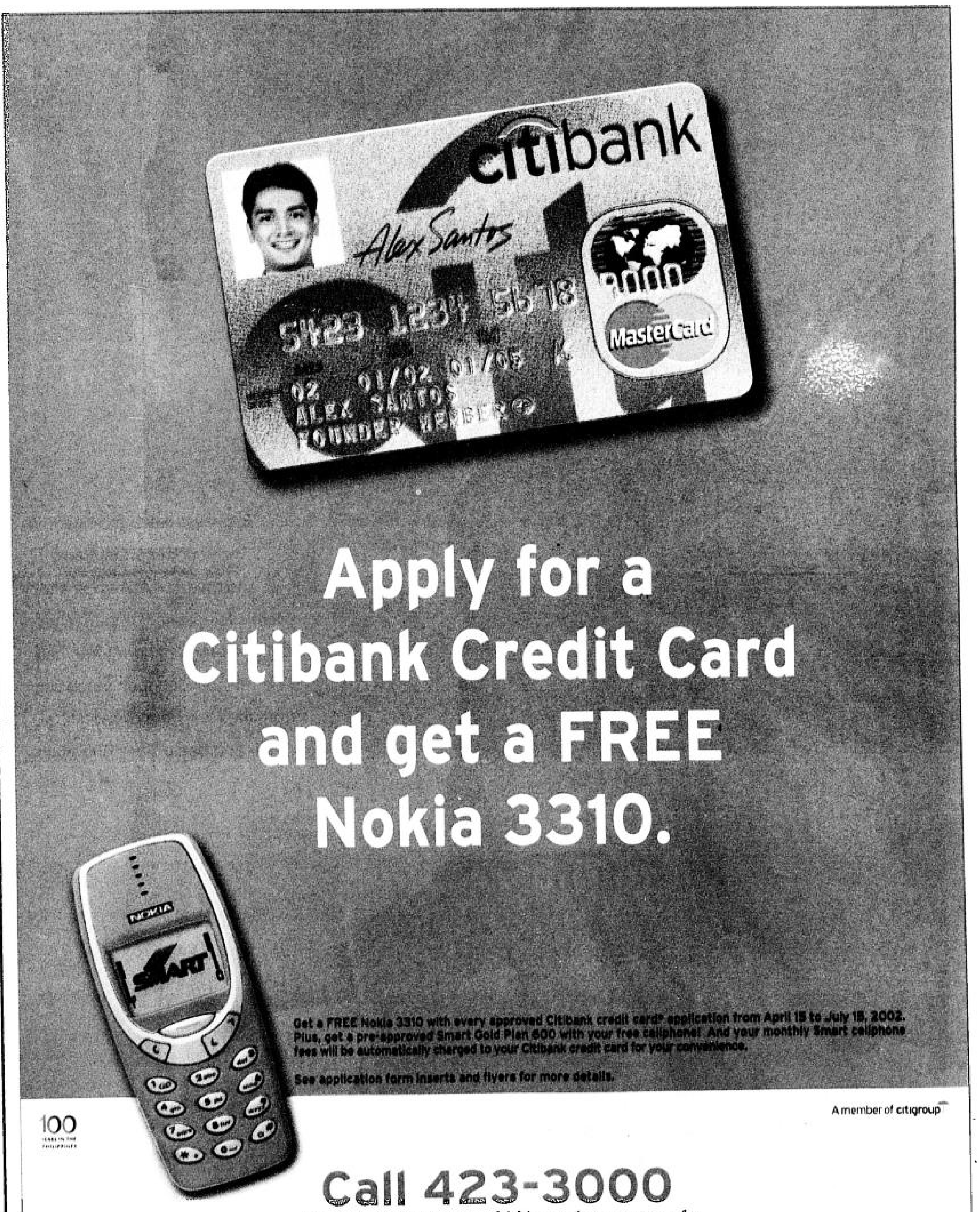

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# Theories *on* ugliness

**By Bunny Anne Gapit**
*2bUI Correspondent*

WHY some people are unattractive while others possess good looks has always been a phenomenon. But stop figuring out the genetic reasons and think about these 5 theories.

1) "Being born ugly may be one's karma for being beautiful yet proud in a past life."

One may not have a remembrance of it (since our mind is a *tabula rasa* at birth, meaning a blank sheet) but an ugly person may have been a great beauty in her previous life, but was too proud of it [One used to humiliate the ugly ones or didn't even mingle with them.]. In his present life, one needs to be physically hideous, an issue one has to resolve.

2) "Being born ugly may mean cheating as a sperm in the race for life."

One may have attained ugliness perhaps when, as a sperm, he cheated on his rivals during a race to the egg cell. (Think Tonya Harding to Nancy Kerrigan.). Little did the cheater-sperm know that this would be used against him by making him "*panget.*"

3) "Being born ugly may signify no love between parents when they were making love."

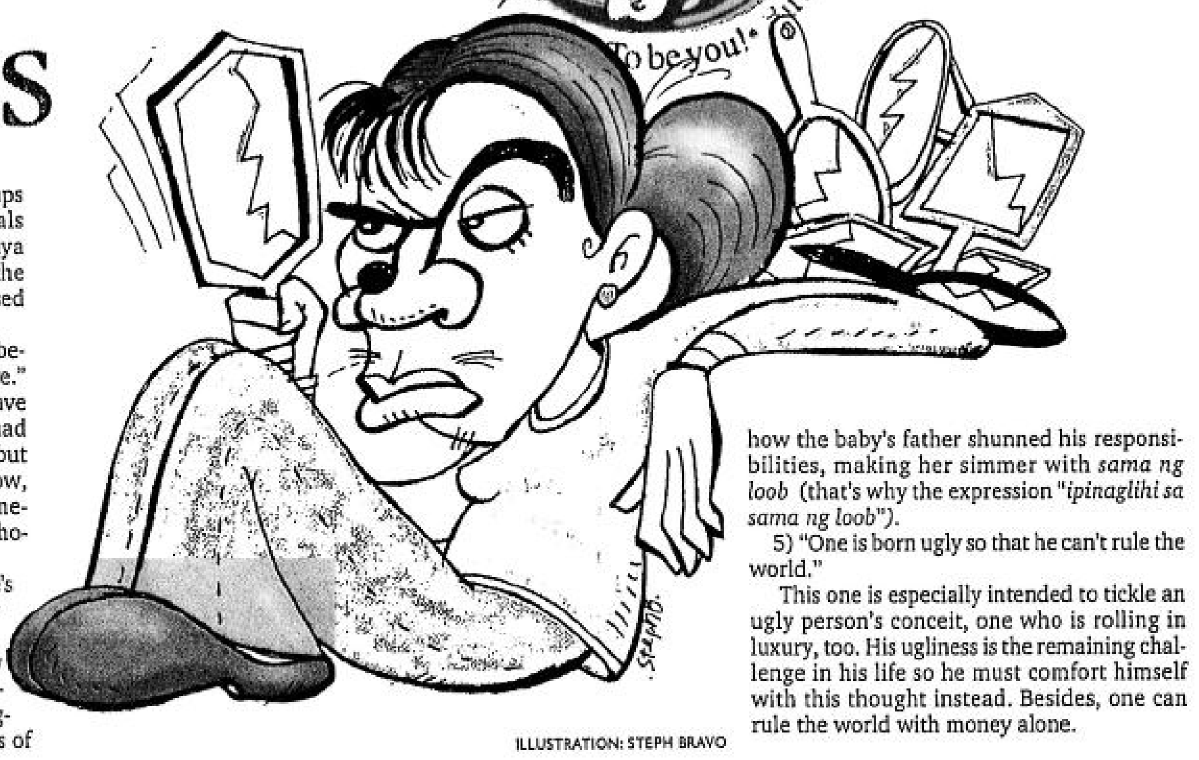
Being ugly, on the other hand, may have happened by the manner your parents had sexual intercourse. They didn't make love but just had sex primarily for enjoyment. Now, isn't it unfair that you should pay for something that was not your own doing? So, whoever says life is fair?

4) "Being born ugly may be a sign of one's mother's strenuous life and terrible agony during pregnancy."

One possibility we can't rule out is how one's mother severed under a lot of emotional stress and strains during her pregnancy. One's ugliness may speak volumes of how the baby's father shunned his responsibilities, making her simmer with *sama ng loob* (that's why the expression "*ipinaglihi sa sama ng loob*").

5) "One is born ugly so that he can't rule the world."

This one is especially intended to tickle an ugly person's conceit, one who is rolling in luxury, too. His ugliness is the remaining challenge in his life so he must comfort himself with this thought instead. Besides, one can rule the world with money alone.



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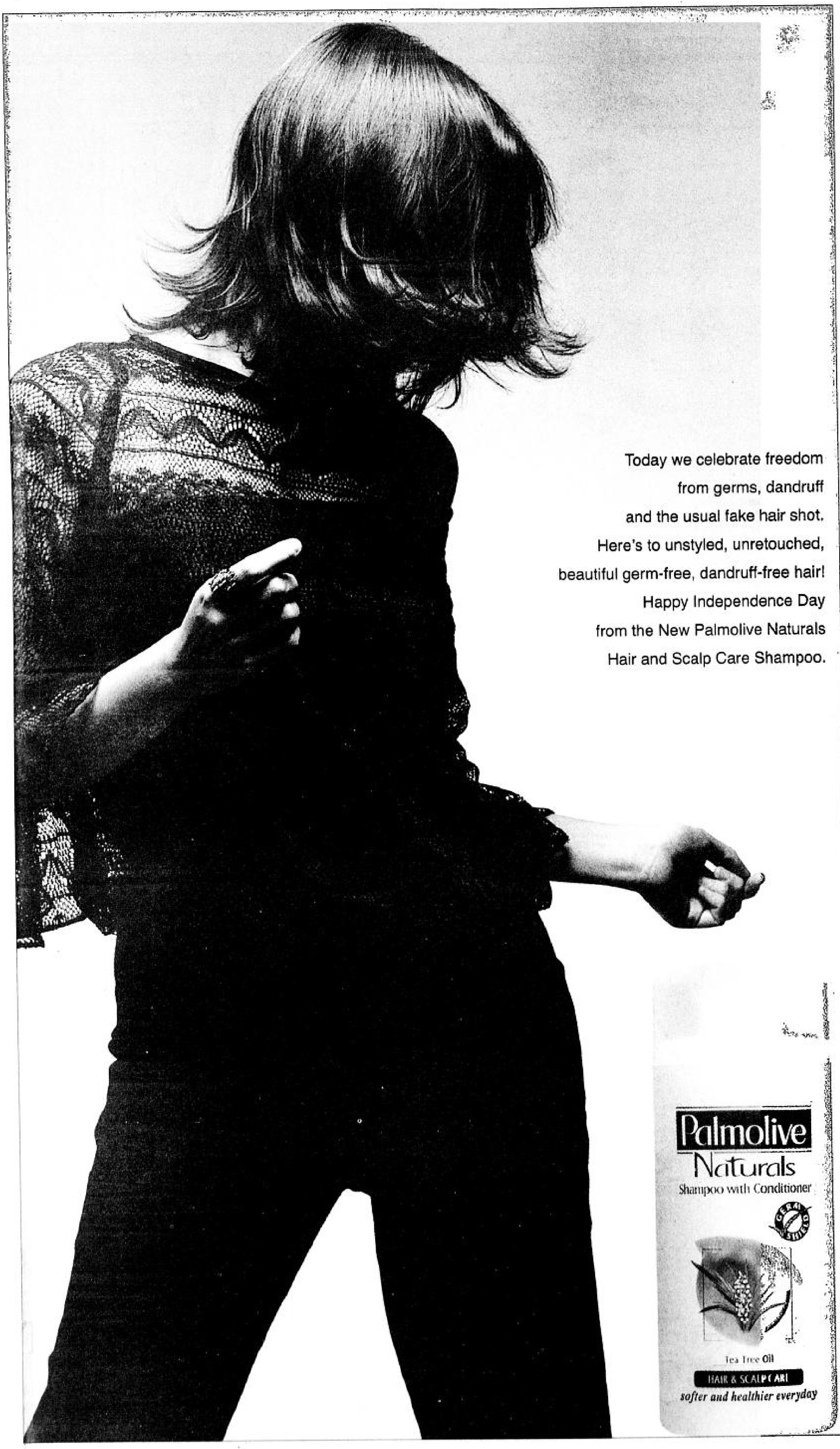
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# Blend of sports, *lifestyle* and *fashion*

SUMMER may be over, but the sun will still blaze for Puma's 2002 collection—an array of shoes, apparel and accessories.

Blending the elements of sports, lifestyle and fashion, Puma introduces a new line with a unique personality and essence. It is the ultimate in function and fashion sportswear. Tops and bottoms for men and women make the leap from performance arenas to city streets and leisure places. Shoes and accessories support the look and flaunt the attitude.

With the collection, Puma has done the unexpected and set free its playful spirit. Carefree phrases have inspired the collection: "Life is good when you are your own engine"; "Runners make their own breeze"; "Be your own performance vehicle"; "Treat the world like a really big backyard."

Perfectly fitting tank tops with lycra for women offer a snug feel. Inner bras and power mesh inserts give maximum support during sports activities. Pants made of nylon ripstop are for use before, during or after sports.

There are "statement tops" too, like the Cat Face tee which are valued not just for their looks, but for their "best comfort" feel and moisture management qualities. Performance pants are the ultimate in function-and-fashion sportswear. Woven running shorts combine well with form-fitting running crop tees at work in the sports zone or at play.

Ambitious athletes will love the training sweats, long tights, woven jackets and pants. Performance jackets are for covering up and for showing off. Men's performance tees flaunt well-toned physiques and a racy attitude.

Part of the collection is footwear that has integrated Puma's Cell technology with running and cycling inspired silhouettes. The new shoes are performance-driven but sport edgy designs that make them walk and talk a whole new ball game.

To complete the look, backpacks, shoulder bags, hats and leisure shoes come with the package.

Puma concept stores are located in Festival Mall, Alabang and Ali Mall in Cubao and at other leading department stores and sports shops nationwide.

# Casual campus *chic*

AS we say goodbye to the long hot days of summer and to those skin-baring tankinis, we see college girls and guys alike looking forward to updating their wardrobe to greet the new school year. Corso Marconi kicks off the back-to-school season with discounts of up to 80 percent to provide the young and fashionable with great Italian buys at knockdown prices. Its trendy feminine tops go for as low as P200, while pants for guys are available from P500 and up.

For this school year, the shop mixes a selection of designs in comfortable fabrics (like cotton and silk) with urban sensibilities. Thin-strapped tops from Gianfranco Ferre, Motivi, Pietrogrande, Compagnia Italia, among others, are paired with stylish graphic jeans from Versace or cotton pants from Onyx and Ellen Capellino. Likewise, capri pants from Gai Malliolo and Philosophy di Alberta Ferretti and deconstructed skirts from Rose D. are matched with these flattering tops for a fresh and casual schoolgirl look.

Add instant style with a cardigan from Blue Joint and Anis.

Corso Marconi also showcases dresses that would make heads turn like the hot pink number from Stefanel.

For male coeds, the shop offers endless options as well—casual shirts from Italy's Domenico Croci and Black Cabs and sweatshirts from Trussardi Jeans and Fiume. Pants from Versace, David Mayer, Janco are available in different designs and colors.

Corso Marconi also carries a wide selection of quality and trendy Italian sandals and shoes from Versace, Ripa, Piuma, Navajos and Marco Gabbriellini.

Visit Corso Marconi at Marconi corner Morse Streets, Makati City (main branch), Robinsons Galleria, SM Manila, Festival Supermall Alabang, Cebu, Bacolod and at J.P. Laurel Street, Lanang, Davao City.

# Being beauty-challenged isn't all that bad

**By Niño Mark M. Sablan**
*2bU! Correspondent*

SOCIETY makes the beauty-challenged feel like it's their fault they lack good looks and it is unforgivable to be imperfect. The "un-pretty" suffers from mockery, careless whispers and instant judgment. But they can take heart from this list of advantages that their lack of beauty gives them.

- They are spared from the bimbo label. They may never be able to join beauty contests but people will not assume them to be brainless, the way they do with boobsy babes.
- They are loved not for their looks but for something more important than appearance. They don't have to constantly ask if they're loved for their perfect faces or buffed bods since they have neither. Although it's a no-brainer why a troglodyte with a fat bank account draws admirers like flies.
- They enjoy more privacy. Unless you are exceptionally horrid looking, you are just another face in the crowd and people will not feel the urge to gawk at yǒu or pinch your cheeks.
- They are usually true to themselves. They are not preoccupied with appearances. No pressure to try to be perfect with the aid of expensive beauty products or procedures.
- They can pursue careers in showbiz. Kuhol and Zorayda Sanchez found it easy to enter showbiz even if maintaining their careers were difficult.
- They have more money and time for themselves. Since some of them are free of romantic relationships, they are able to spend more quality time with themselves and they can keep their paychecks all to themselves.
- They have lots of room for improvement. A hottie has nowhere else to go while others could look forward to the excitement of makeovers and technologically advanced procedures for physical enhancement.

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## What do you find ugly in yourself?

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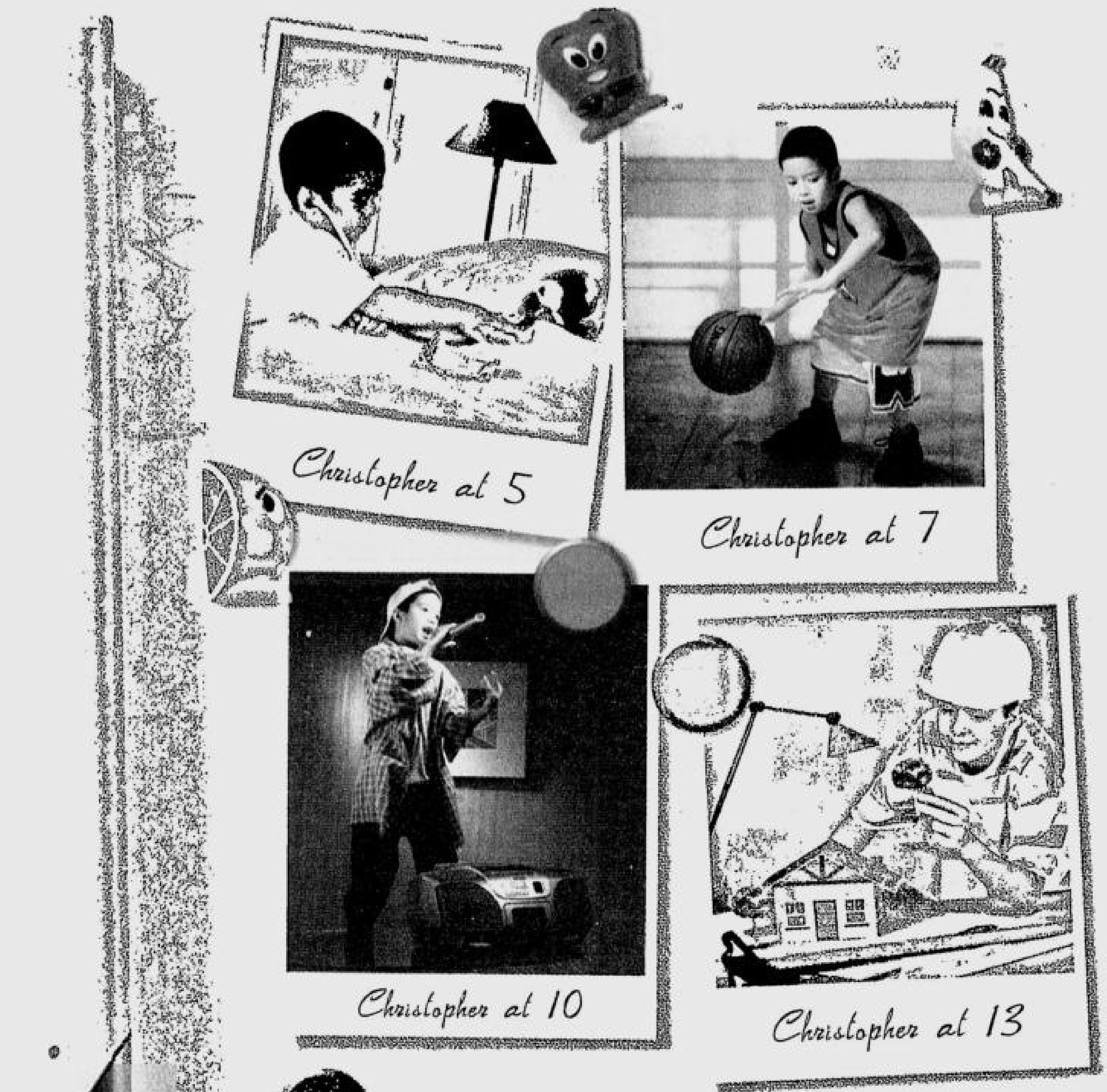
The fact that I can't stay in love.—**NA, 21**

My very veiny hands.—**Lucy, 19**

Taking myself too seriously.—**John, 17**

My inability to express my affection for the people I love.—**Karen, 22**



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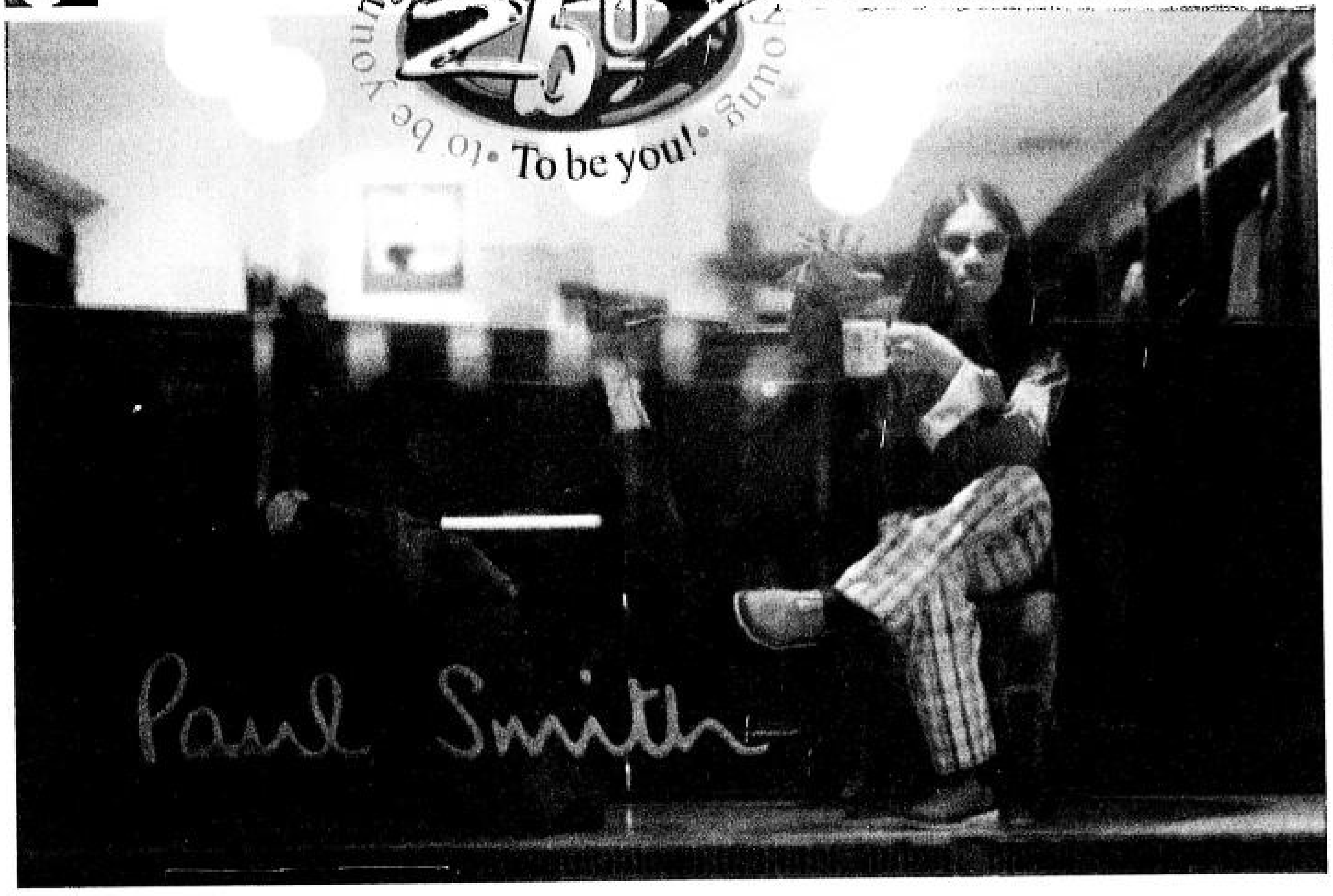
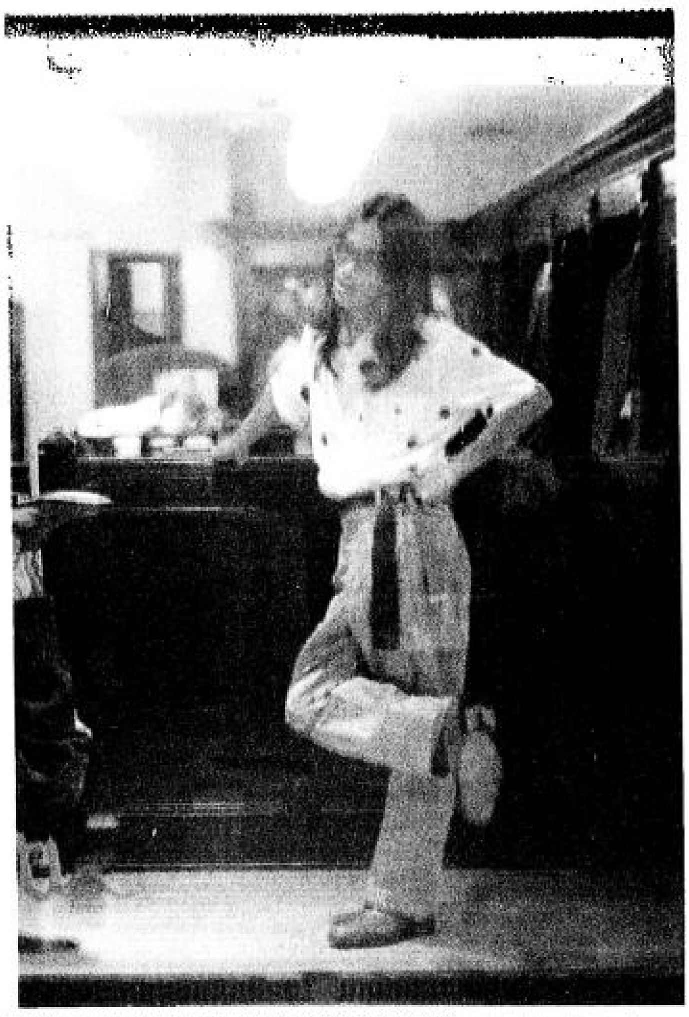


**BREWING MAGIC**
Brown and aqua polka-dotted long-sleeved shirt with ruffle detail; pink and brown plaid trousers; honey brown gartered leather shoes; octopus Paul Smith mug; Bono shades by Romeo Gigli, writer's own



**TIME TO DO THE POLKA!**
Yellow and brown polka-dotted short-sleeved shirt; gray plaid trousers; brown and beige knit tie; and dark honey leather shoes

# A guy who doesn't live up to his name

**By Tim Yap**
**Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan**

HIS name alone elicits giggles. Underground scene icon and UNtv host, Tado may not yet ring a bell but take time to look beyond this comic character and you will find a class act. He is in a world all his own.

He was discovered accidentally when, as assistant director to John Red for a political documentary, he had to book talents for a salvage scene. The talent didn't show up, so he became the instant replacement. For the scene, barbed wire was tied around his wrists and mouth and was dumped into a filthy garbage can.

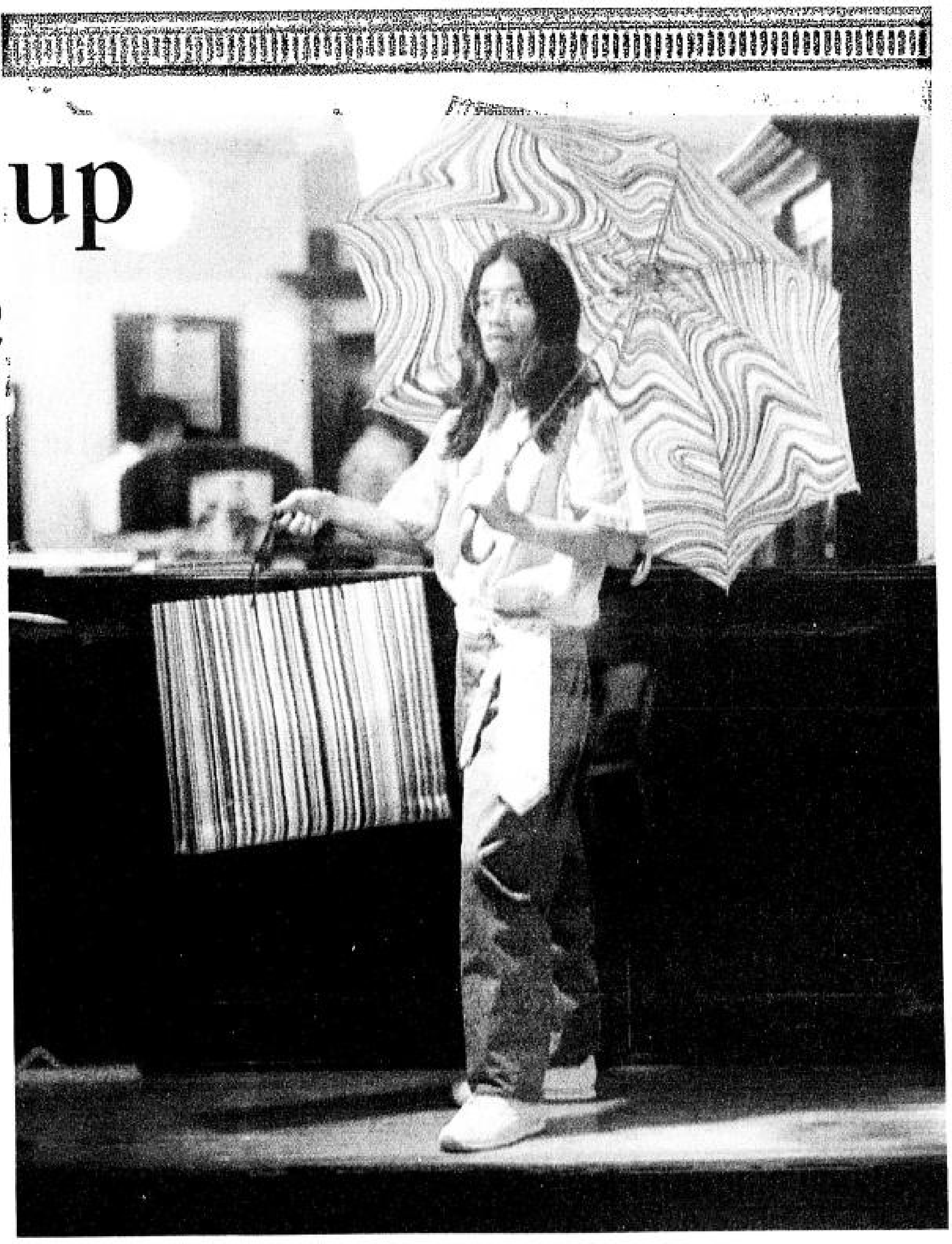
From such humble beginnings, his career blossomed into diverse roles that made him a favorite of young directors. Whether as *taong grasa*, Bruce Lee impostor, a mute, car thief or "salvage" victim, he manages to make an impression among viewers of short films for his wit.

He played the stupid security guard in the Epi Quizon-Rufa Mae starrer "Radyo." He will soon be seen in ABS-CBN's newest sitcom featuring Aga Muhlach. But his regular gig is with "Strange Brew" at Atom Henares' UNtv, where he and his partner in crime, Erning, play kooky guides to clueless urbanites. The tandem is a riot—think Beavis-and-Butthead meets Ernie-and-Bert and goes to the province—an explosive mix uniquely their own. At your nearest movie theater, he is currently starring in the filmfest entry "Utang ni Tatang" with Joel Torre and Epi Quizon. Tado is the boy from the alternative scene who has done well in the mainstream.

His journey included being a Mowelfund film student to photographer to left-wing activist to a vendor of papaya soap (Rufa Mae Quinto was one of his best clients, according to him) to struggling production assistant to short film directors. You probably have also seen him (you can start a "spot Tado" game) in Robert Quebral's videos of Parokya ni Edgar—from "Picha Pie" to "Swimming Beach."

This writer had the unique opportunity of appearing as a guest on "Talk TV" with this up-and-coming pop phenomenon. I witnessed how well Tado was connecting with the audience. He didn't need to say anything to get the audience roaring with laughter. And when he did say something, a louder uproar would erupt.

This development was something Arvin Jimenez never foresaw. When he went to Leyte as a Metro Manila boy visiting his cousins, his only distinction was a penchant for saying "Tado!" (short for *tarantado*). He kept repeating it that other people thought it was his name. Voila! Tado was born.



**IT'S RAINING! IT'S FALLING! TADO'S OUT SHOPPING!**
Pastel multistriped short-sleeved shirt; baby blue and white striped trousers; pastel multistriped silk tie; swirl print walking umbrella; and white Paul Smith Reebok sneakers

> He kept repeating the word 'Tado' that people in Leyte thought it was his name

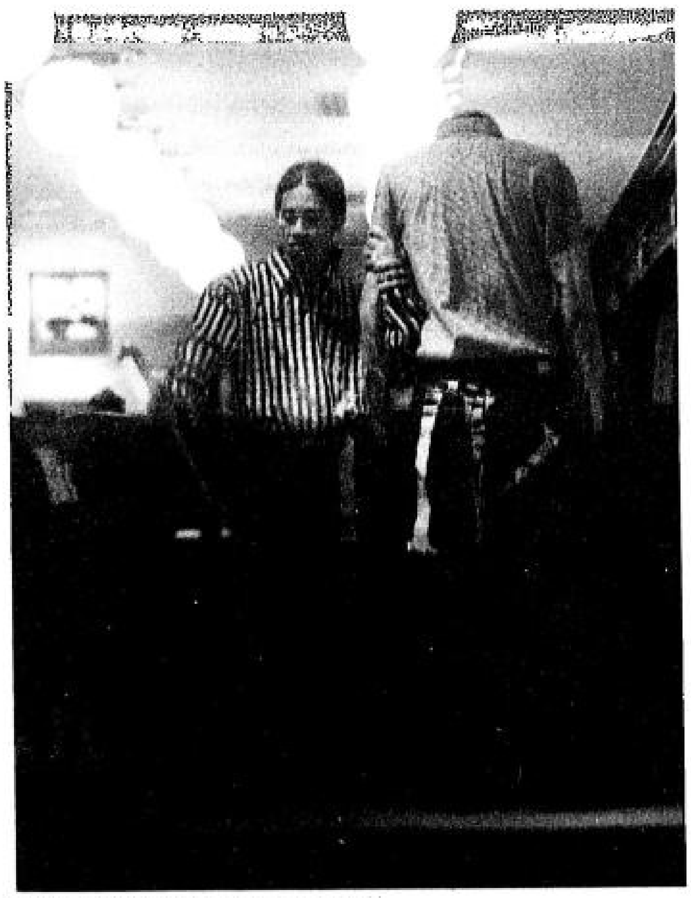
When I told him that his strong mass appeal merited a product endorsement, perhaps San Miguel Beer that he kept ordering throughout the interview, he said he would rather endorse Apollo nail cutter since it was made of Apollo steel. He said he had tried all kinds of nail cutters and could vouch for its superior quality.

"What do you think of when people say ugly?" I asked him. "*Pag asiwa sa 'yo ang tao. Pag di mo gusto yung ginagawa mo.*" To Tado, people who love what they do are beautiful and beauty can be seen in diverse ways.

Between talks about commercials like Villa Crisanta, Caronia, Dahlia soap and the agricultural empire that Gerry Geronimo built, I felt an unpretentious, edgy sensibility and funky sense of fun that other icons of style lack.

For this shoot, we didn't salvage him nor drench him in grease. We simply made him a window mannequin for Paul Smith, that hip-setter's haven for all things hot. The whole afternoon, people would stop outside the Glorietta 4 store and stare, and exclaim, "*Ah, si* Tado *pala!*"

And they would roar with laughter.



**TADO! CHECK YOUR SHIRT!**
Navy blue and white horse-print check shirt; handpainted horse-print denim jeans; maroon and fuschia knit tie; and dark honey leather shoes

**TADO TRAVELS IN STYLE**
Manor-print long-sleeved shirt; cream and brown striped trousers; honey brown gartered leather shoes; orange and army green leather-canvass shoulder bag; logo striped Paul Smith notebook; logo striped Paul Smith foldable umbrella; heart-shaped shades, writer's own

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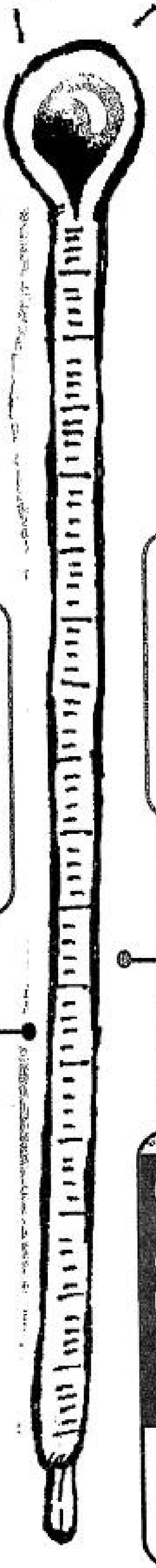
# What the mercury shows



**"SCOOBY DOO."** It's nice to see this classic cartoon become a movie, finally. Freddie Prinze Jr., Sarah Michelle Gellar, Matthew Lillard, Linda Cardellini and Scott Innes are the voices behind this project. It's not just going to be a good children's movie but one to be enjoyed by everyone else as well.

**JAPAN'S JUNICHI INAMOTO.** This midfielder earned his more than 15 minutes of fame by scoring Japan's winning goal against stunned Russia in a recent World Cup match. And the best thing about Inamoto, who also scored in the 2-2 draw with Belgium, is his humility to say that his winning ways count little if they don't get to the next round. He's also cute.

**SMACK SHOCK!** Bad news for fans of the Boston-based group Godsmack. Drummer Tommy Stewart has left the band. According to the remaining members, the departure was amicable. Tommy plans to pursue his other musical interests.

**PEOPLE USING THEIR CELL PHONES WHILE PLANES ARE IN FLIGHT.** Come on. Harassing movie watchers with your annoying ring tones and message alerts is one thing. Actually endangering people's lives thousands of feet above the ground is just too much. Inside a plane from Palawan to Manila, around three people were using their phones during the flight. There was another culprit in a Hong Kong-to-Manila flight.

**RUSSIAN RIOT.** This country may not be able to fully relate to the World Cup mania, but if what happened in Moscow is what we can look forward to if we are participating, then thank God we're out of it. After losing to Japan 0-1, Russian football fans went out to the streets and gave way to their frustration and anger in gigantic and destructive proportions. One died and 20 others were injured. Police were clueless as to how things went that badly.

**DAVID'S A GOLIATH.** Okay, for non-World Cup fans, one reason for them to watch the games is David Beckham. We hope that this certified hottie, who happens to be England's captain (and okay, Posh Spice's other half), wows us with his moves in today's game between his team and Nigeria.

**WONDER TWIN POWERS ACTIVATE!** Word is that with the seeming success of "Scooby Doo," this animated pair from the cartoon series "Superfriends" will also be seen soon on the big screen. Fans of Zan and Jayna (yes, they do have names) think Christina Ricci and Nicholas Brendon of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" would be perfect for the parts.

**LEWIS KNOCKS OUT TYSON.** Lenox Lewis stopped the carnivorous Mike Tyson during the eighth round of what seemed to be a one-sided fight. But the ever confident Mike was gracious and humble enough to admit that Lenox was pretty tough for him. Nice change.

**DRY SPELL.** Coca-Cola is phasing out Diet Coke and fans are threatening to shift to its No. 1 competitor's diet variant. We want our fizzy soda minus the calories! We love its taste! We want our Diet Coke back!

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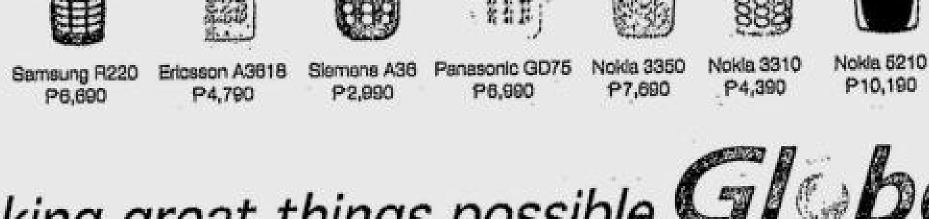

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# The many faces of ugliness

Ugliness is not necessarily the absence of beauty, but a different kind of visual perception

**By Catherine Young**
*2bU! Correspondent*

AS BEAUTY-CONSCIOUS as we are, we cannot help but delve into something usually shunned by society—ugliness. It is a rather ambiguous and relative word that has taken on many forms and meanings. On one hand, ugliness has a negative connotation, an attribute predefined by media which have set standards for beauty.

On the other hand, ugliness may not necessarily mean the absence of beauty, but a different kind of visual perception. Our definition of beauty is expanding; what was once ugly may now be unique. Perhaps the definition of ugliness changes with the times. Ugliness as explored by media sometimes confuses us, or at other times, gives us insights on what matters and what does not.

### Ugly Movie: Shallow Hal

***Society's perception of ugliness***

Known for less-than-tasteful movies, the Farrelly brothers surprised audiences with the relatively tame and uncharacteristically sentimental Shallow Hal. Instead of the usual vulgarity and slapstick, Shallow Hal used wit most of the time. Hal (Jack Black), once obsessed with finding a girl with model looks, is hypnotized into seeing the inner beauty in people. He meets and falls in love with Rosemary (Gwyneth Paltrow), an overweight woman who is his boss' daughter. As expected, Hal's distorted (or is it?) way of looking at things cannot last forever. The fat jokes, inner beauty truisms and inconsistent acting aside, audiences may actually find Shallow Hal worth watching—at least for the message.

### Ugly Book: Invisible Monsters

***Ugliness as defense mechanism***

Chuck Palahniuk, author of "Survivor" and "Fight Club," takes a new tack in "Invisible Monsters." Kay MacIsaac is a fashion model who loses everything when she is disfigured in an accident. She chooses to remain invisible, but lives vicariously through her boss, sex-changer and drug addict Brandy Alexander. Her jaw-less face perpetually veiled from view, she tells her story of alienation and revenge in cinematic Palahniuk prose. Fast-paced and easy read, the book is peppered with passages of wisdom that keeps the reader

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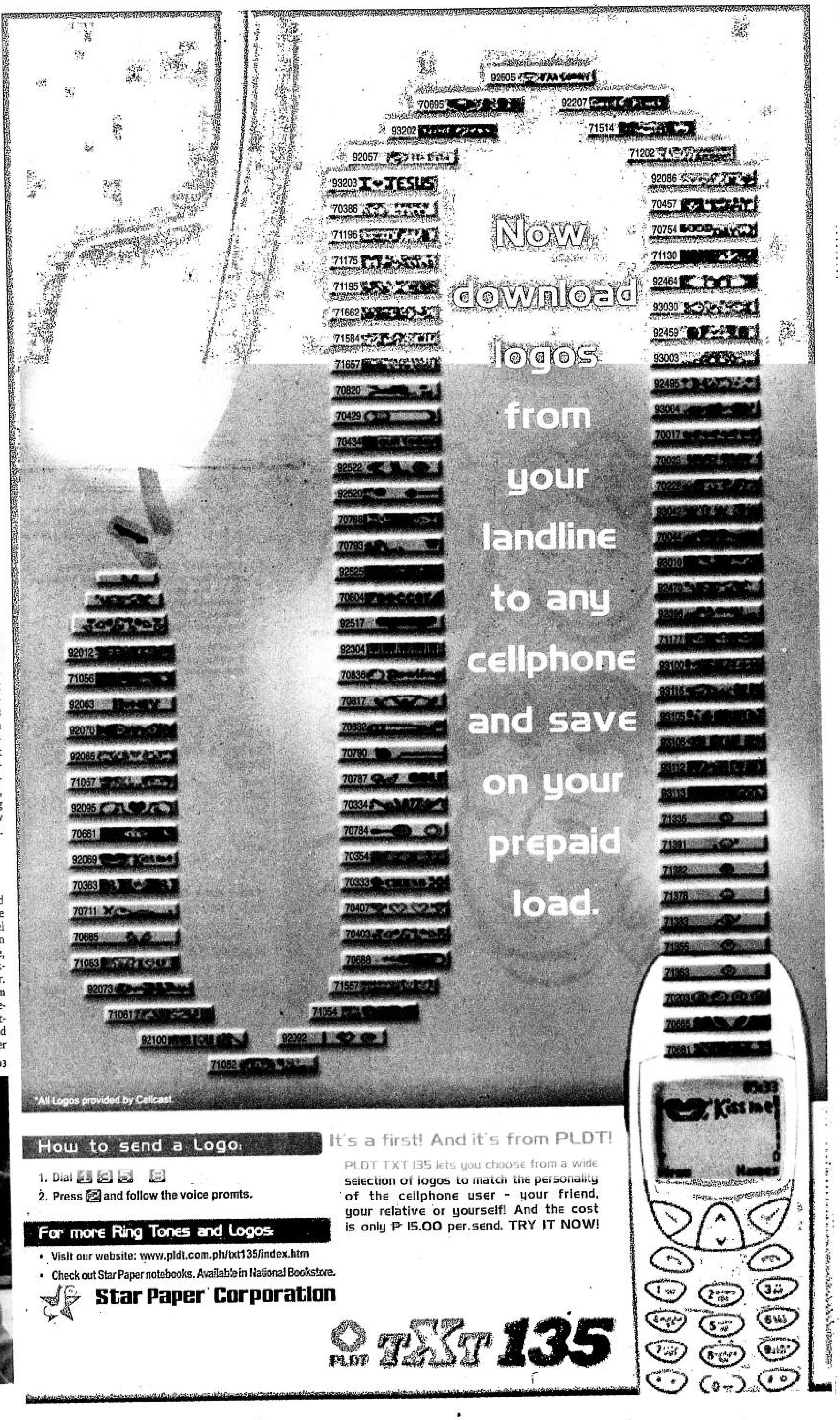
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# Movies make ugly ducklings out of swans

**By Niño Mark M. Sablan**
*2bU! Correspondent*

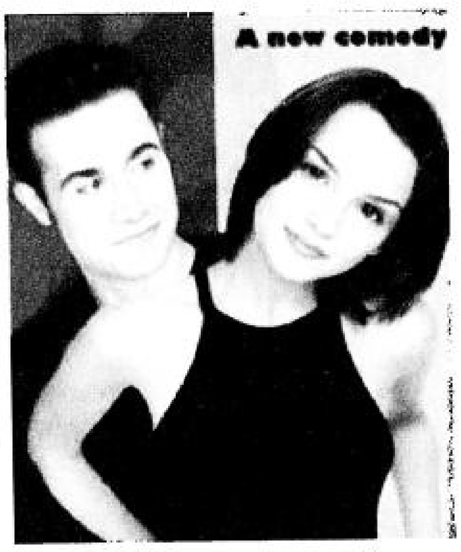
IT used to be that only those who were drop-dead gorgeous got the chance to join the business known as show business. But some roles call for ugliness, characters demanding facial horror, which could be achieved through makeup and prosthetics or by using real-life homely faces. Most of the time, producers choose actors who are definitely unlike the characters they portray, facially speaking.

But many movie stars' real-life personalities may be more repulsive than film roles

## MONSTROSITIES

### 'Beetlejuice'

Directed by Tim Burton, "Beetlejuice" is the story of Barbara and Adam Maitland, a couple who died in a car accident. Unable to let go of their dream home, they haunt the Deetzes, an artsy New York family who buys their house. Unfortunately, they're too nice to scare off the new residents so they call on Betelgeuse (Michael Keaton), a trouble-making demon who can get rid of unwanted humans. But things get complicated when Betelgeuse announces he wants to marry Lydia, the Deetzes' daughter, and tries to stay in the world of the living. Winning an Oscar for best makeup, it covers up Keaton's good looks.



A new comedy

### 'The Grinch'

Everybody's fave (except mine), Jim Carrey is the Grinch, a bad-tempered green, hairy creature who lives inside a snowflake in a cave atop Mount Crumpit. One day he decides to put a stop to Christmas but a Who girl tries to change his mind.

## TRANSFORMATIONS

And then there are movies about very challenging and, supposedly, impossible transformations featuring hunks and babes as unattractive geeks. With tried-and-tested plots, we know a magical change will happen somewhere in the middle of the movie and real life cuties masquerading as hideous losers emerge triumphant in the end, appearing as they really are.

### 'The Princess Diaries'

Newcomer Anne Hathaway is 15-year-old Mia Thermopolis, a geeky student from San Francisco who discovers that she is heiress to the crown of the small European nation Genovia. To suit her new status and fulfill her obligations, she is tutored by newfound grandma (Julie Andrews) and undergoes a makeover to transform her into a princess. Mandy Moore's presence is a treat.

### 'She's All That'

Hunky Zack Siler (played by Freddie Prinze Jr.) has a bet with his friends that he can turn any girl into a prom queen. Friends pick geek goddess Laney Boggs (the very un-geeky Rachel Leigh Cook). Getting to know her, Zack falls for Laney. However, to add the expected twist, Laney finds out about the bet. The rest of the movie is about Zack's efforts to convince Laney that his feelings are sincere. Very unoriginal, "She's All That" also stars Usher, Li'l Kim and Anna Paquin.

## ACCIDENTS

In some movies, accidents play an important role. Causing hideous scars and repulsive deformities, they add spice to the plot, which sometimes completely revolve around them.

### 'Powder'

Hottie Sean Patrick Flannery is Jeremy Reed, an albino with abnormal intelligence. He has been nicknamed Powder because he is extremely pale, his mother having been struck by lightning when she was pregnant.

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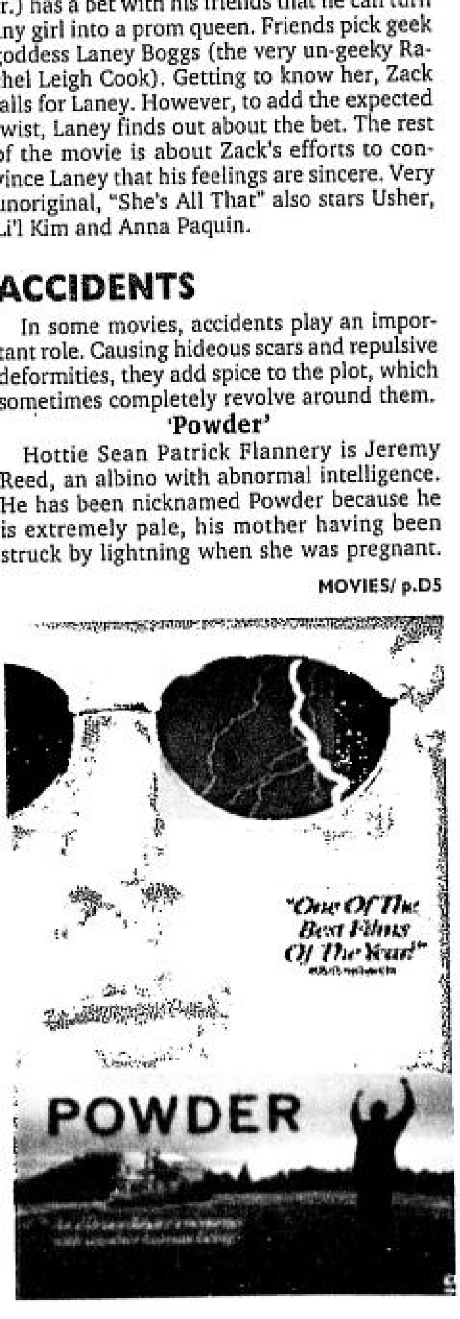

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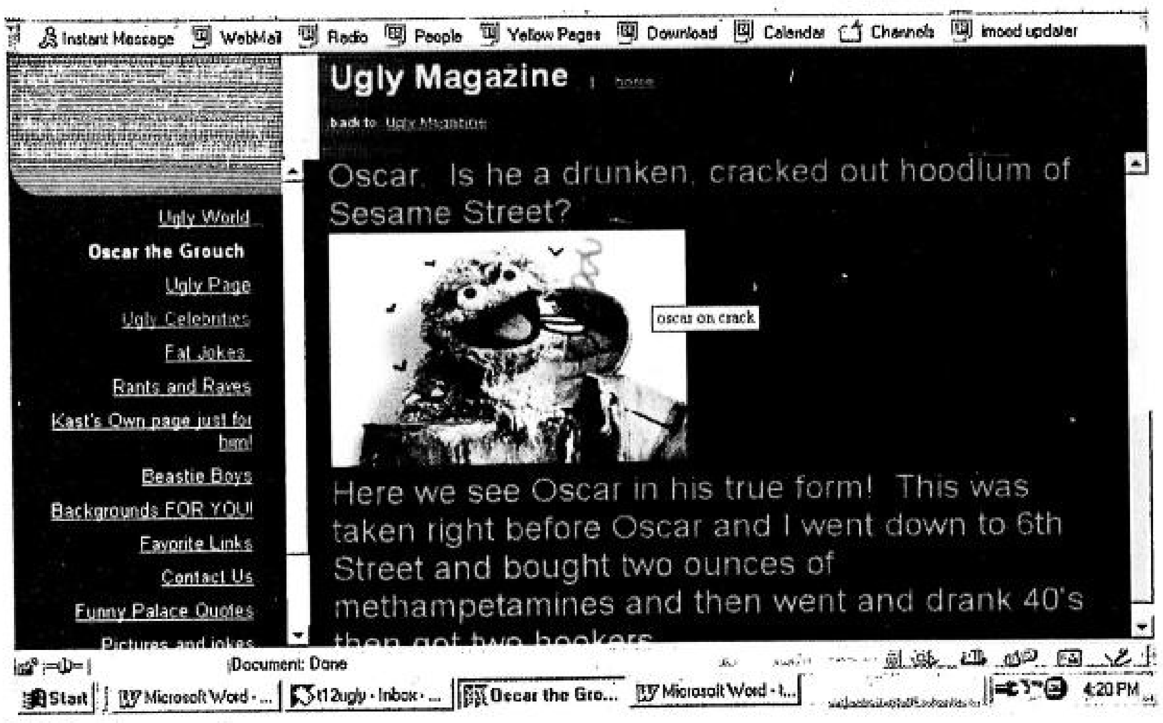
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UGLY online magazine

# The many faces of ugliness

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interested until the very last page.

## Ugly Online Magazine:

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***Ugliness as an alternative to beauty***

Rare is the website that glorifies and even honors society's definition of ugliness, but Ugly Magazine is just that. Sometimes misanthropic in tone, it is an online depot of jokes, pictures and downloads. It even has a tribute page to Oscar the Grouch. Worth viewing is the Ugly Celebrities page, listing famous people who made a name for themselves in show business in spite of not living up to Hollywood's stereotype of beauty.

## Ugly Play:

## Phantom of the Opera

***Ugliness as a mystery***

Well-known for songs such as "All I Ask of You" and "The Music of the Night," "Phantom of the Opera" is also famous for its classic story line. The Phantom, a man ostracized by society because of a facial deformity, haunts the opera house and becomes entranced by the beautiful singer Christine. Her goodness eventually affects the now-obsessed Phantom. Beyond the song and dance value, "Phantom of the Opera" stands out as a play that reveals the mystery of the unknown through the power of human compassion.

## Ugly Song:

## Unpretty by TLC

***Ugliness as media's invention***

"You can look inside you/ Find out who am I to/ Be in a position to make me feel so/ Damn unpretty..." With an ear-friendly melody, poetic lyrics on inner beauty and TLC to sing it, "Unpretty" expectedly became one of women's contemporary empowerment anthems. Its underlying concept is classic and timeless, with the video dealing with (and subsequently debunking) twisted modern concepts of ugliness like small breasts and obesity, and discouraging people from being pressured into changing themselves.

## Ugly Cartoon:

## Ren and Stimpy

***Ugliness as comedy***

When I was younger, it took a number of episodes to convince myself that Ren and Stimpy were a cat and a dog. At first glance, they seem to be a couple of hairless rodents who are best friends. The pedigree-challenged duo may turn off some people because of episodes that are, well, gross. In fact, the ugliness in this cartoon goes beyond the characters and the crudely-drawn humans they encounter—the situations they get themselves into are so disgusting and crazy that they are funny. One episode, for instance, has Stimpy falling into himself and meeting Jimmy the Belly-button Elf. Ren and Stimpy may offend or may entertain, depending on your preference and stomach for the repulsive.

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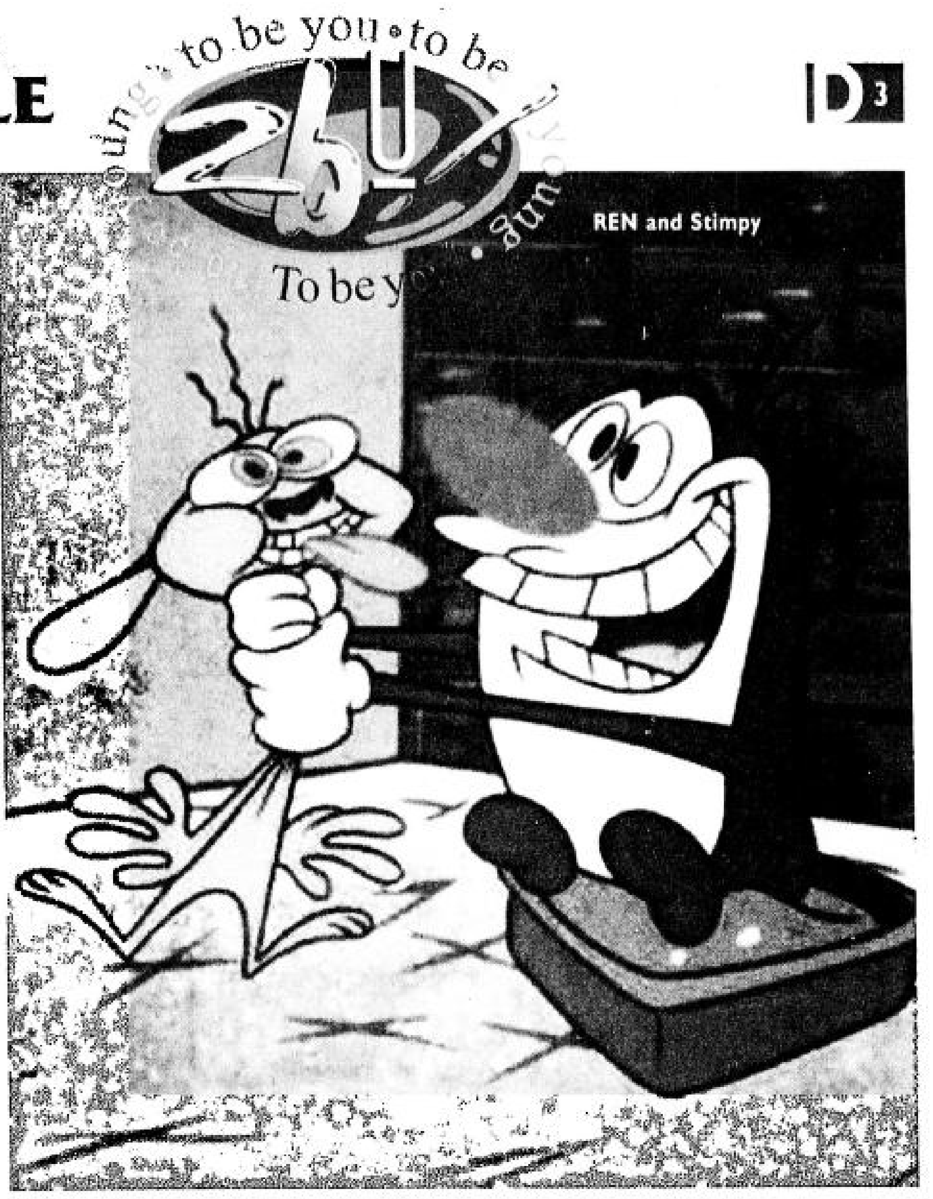
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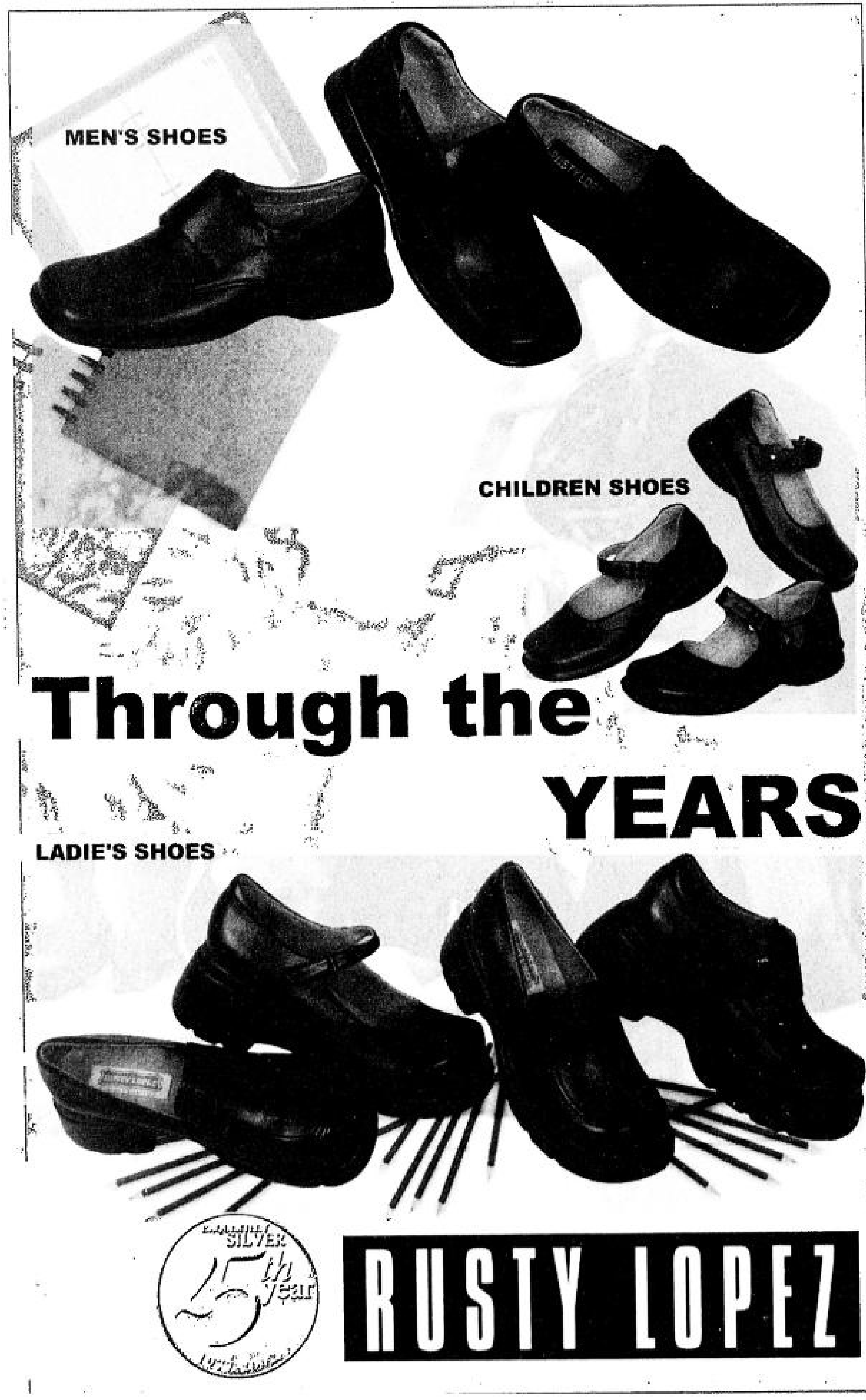

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# Their flaws have made them famous

By Maricar D. Tolosa

IT'S highly doubtful for anyone to say he fell in love with an artist's looks that only a mother can appreciate. The good thing is one knew and accepted this fact. And such personalities banked on their far-from-perfect face to make his mark in show business.

No thanks to the hit song "Humanap Ka ng Panget" of no-looker rapper Andrew E, **Zorayda Sanchez** became ugliness personified.

Even before the song, Zorayda was already a comedienne famous for her looks. She did several television shows and starred in a number of movies.

Beneath the face, however, was an intelligent person. She is a journalism degree holder and writes for a broadsheet.

Then there's **Rene Requiestas**. His big round eyes and toothless smile made him perfect for the role of "Cheetaeh," the sidekick of the spoofed Tarzan (Istarzan). And at that time, every movie he made was a box-office hit. Unfortunately, he died too soon.

Before Rene, there was **Lou Veloso**, whose Mr. Truman role in the '80s sitcom "UFO" with Nanette Inventor and Mitch Valdes made him famous for his always "crumpled" face that he matched with an "angry-chipmunk" voice.

But Lou has been a versatile actor since 1975. In 1983, he was named Best Stage Actor by the Aliw Awards. Currently he is a Manila City councilor.

RENE Requiestas

Another one who made it in the '80s was **Jograd de la Torre,** a singer-comedian who was a regular in Nora Aunor's weekly variety show "Superstar." These days, he plays with his own band and does the rounds of Metro Manila bars.

Though blacks are not synonymous with ugly, two comics used the novelty of their skin color in a predominantly fair-skinned arena to clinch deals in the entertainment world.

ALLAN K.

Half-black half-Filipino **Blakdyak** released a reggae album in the late '90s and became famous for his song "Modelong Charing." He earned a Platinum Award for this album and won an Awit Award.

Despite his success then, in an interview he said he was not too keen on changing his appearance and was quoted *"Hindi pa rin ako nagpapa*-hot oil. *Mahilig pa rin akong maligo sa dagat."*

He has appeared in movies with Eddie Garcia, Janno Gibbs, Regine Velasquez and Andrew E.

**Whitney Tyson** is the cross-eyed, half-black comedienne who started with the Bad Bananas, composed of Christopher de Leon, Johnny Delgado, Edgar Mortiz, Al Tantay and the late Jay Ilagan in the comedy hit show "Goin' Bananas." She also appeared in more television shows and movies. In the defunct sitcom, "Richard Loves Lucy," she played the goofy maid.

**Long Mejia** knew his face had no place in an industry teeming with mestizos and mestizas, but financial difficulties pushed him to try his luck anyway. Fortunately, he portrayed bit parts in a number of television shows since the mid-'80s.

And after years of doing television, he finally snagged roles in movies like "Kapitan Ambo" with Eddie Garcia, "Burles King" with Andrew E and his latest "Cass & Cary" with Bayani Agbayani.

His prominent nose is what people immediately notice in singer-comedian **Allan K.** He finds it easy to laugh at other people's jokes and is quick in coming up with funny remarks; it is no wonder that Allan is a hit with Filipinos.

He started as a karaoke master and now co-hosts a noontime television show and runs his own stand-up comedy club.

Perhaps the most successful comic is **Ai-Ai delas Alas.** Not embarrassed to poke fun at herself, especially at her "elongated" face, she has endeared herself to people, rich and poor alike.

She is one of the most bankable talents of a major television network and her solo concerts were all successful.

LONG Mejia (center)

WHITNEY Tyson

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# 'Betty la Fea's' not so different after all

By Saleema Devi Refran
*2bU! Correspondent*

"BETTY la Fea" is NOT your typical daily telenovela. She is a little different from Marimar, Monica, Samantha and other telenovela heroines. OK, ok! To put it simply, she is not pretty. Betty wears braces, big-framed glasses, *saya*-like clothes and bangs usually stuck on that thick forehead.

The first time I saw her, I said, "Are you sure it's Betty? *Baka naman* it's Betoy or something. You sure that's a she not a he?" Just look at that jaw. Admit it! There must have been a time when you actually thought he's a man, especially with that raspy voice.

### The Betty story

The very pretty Columbian actress Ana Maria Orozco plays Betty. She is already married but not to "Sir Armando" Jorge Abello, but to Hugo "Zzzzz!!" Lombardi played by Julian Arango.

Behind the ultra horrid, unlikable girl named Beatriz Aurora Pinzon Solano is someone desperate to be loved and respected. The early episodes showed glimpses of her childhood. Doctors and nurses were shocked by her looks when she was born, a classmate in preschool crying in fright of Betty's appearance and a high school dance where she was a wallflower. It was not a happy childhood.

The telenovela starts with Betty getting a job in a fashion company as a secretary, although she is an economist. She meets different characters that make her life colorful. She also falls in love with her boss, Armando Mendoza. This leads to heartbreak and her transformation.

She sheds the braces and wears wire-framed glasses, more flattering clothes and a prettier hairstyle. Betty becomes an attractive top executive. Armando tries to win her back, even asking her to marry him. She accepts, of course. Betty la Fea ends. But Bettty fans will be pleased to know there is a sequel, Ecomoda, although at the moment there are no plans yet about showing it here.

### Betty and Reality

Betty la Fea shows another kind of telenovelas where the heroines are not voluptuous, beautiful maids or seaside waifs. Even the leading man is not as dashingly handsome as before. The heroine is an ordinary woman without many physical attributes, but possessing intelligence.

In a country like the Philippines, which gives so much importance to beauty and images on TV consist of Fil-Americans, Fil-Canadians and other *mestizos*, many Filipinos identify with Betty. They see in her the promise of being successful if they have the determination. This, however, is just the initial message of the telenovela.

Unlike other telenovelas, it had an ugly heroine but it still reinforced the notion that beauty was a necessity

In the end, Yo Soy Betty la Fea seems to be telling us, just like the other shows, that you have to be beautiful to succeed. Betty had a makeover. She became prettier and dressed better. It may initially suggest that "beauty is skin deep," but Betty had to be beautiful to win Armando and become an executive. She may be smart but face value was needed. In fact, her smarts could only get her a secretarial position.

Betty la Fea may try to be different from the ordinary telenovela by having an ugly heroine, but it stuck to the usual telenovela plot and, in the end, reinforced the notion that beauty is still a necessity.

### What now?

But regardless of the message of Betty la Fea and others like it, Filipinos should stop looking up to people simply because they are beautiful. Instead, we should focus on talents and skills. Sure, it helps to have a more *matangos* nose and zit-free skin but beauty is really skin-deep. You can put on all the makeup in the world, have gazillions of cosmetic surgeries and buy all the fanciest of clothes, but you can never change who you really are. You are YOU. God made you the way you really should be, in the perfect way He planned you to be.

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# Un-Thalia-like heroine wins over Pinoy TV audiences

By Giles Ivan A. Aquino
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WHEN *telenovelas* were first introduced in the Philippines, they seemed to star, not only robust actors with chiseled features, but also the most charming Latin American characters ever seen. "Marimar" star Thalia and her "clones" ruled daytime, noontime and even primetime television. The stars were not just admired for their looks, but also pitied for their martyr-like characters.

But "Alicia," aired every 10:30 a.m. (except Sunday) on channel 2, seems destined to forever change the concept of telenovelas in the Philippines.

In Alicia, it's the villains who get scorned, and even enslaved more obviously from the very first few episodes of the show. Even more unusual is the fact that the heroine does not captivate audiences because of the beauty of her face but because she makes them laugh.

Alicia does not captivate because of the beauty of her face but because she makes the audience laugh

### Stand-out

You would instantly admire the characters in "Alicia" for their seemingly perfect figures. "Alicia's" male characters include Cesar, an Alicia-hater-turned-Alicia's lover; Alberto, Cesar's brother and a certified Alicia-hater; Nico, husband of a character named Alma and who really had nothing to do with Alicia; Javier, Cesar's best friend who kept pairing him off with Alicia; and Jorge (pronounced "horhe"), who is head over heels in love with Lena, another female character. The show's women are Lena, a flirt like her friend Maricella and an Alicia-hater; Cynthia, one of Alicia's two close friends; Maricella, Alicia's worst nightmare; Alma, another close friend of Alicia, and who dies; and Desiree, Alicia's evil and better-looking twin (Rosenda Monteros plays Alicia).

Of the show's many drop-dead gorgeous characters, one stands out: Alicia herself. But the show's major star does not stand out because of J. Lo-like curves or a Janet Jackson smile. You could easily pick out the girl from a crowd because of her less than picture-perfect appearance—a big nose and extremely large gums which could be mistaken for something else when you try to kiss her with eyes closed (how it feels to kiss Alicia is something Cesar might want to "share" with viewers).

### Not just skin-deep

*"Sige ka, kukunin ka ni* Alicia!" one of the characters said as she scolded her child. Alicia undergoes thorough screening in her search for a job because employers tend to judge her on the basis of physical appearance instead of her qualifications.

Alicia's skills were not revealed until an old businessman employed her in his advertising firm. Her hard work helped improve the company's productivity. Her wit has impressed people although there are those who still criticize her looks. True to the saying "You can't put a good man down," Alicia gets to run the multi-million dollar company after the businessman's (Cesar and Alberto's father) untimely death.

Of course, a telenovela would not be complete without a love angle. You could imagine how many episodes it took before Cesar, Alicia's love interest and whom she initially referred as "movie fan," learned to at least like Alicia. The heroine endured the ridicule from other people, especially Maricella who tried to sabotage Alicia and Cesar's relationship. The audience heaved a collective sigh when the two finally got married and had their honeymoon in Acapulco.

### Wrong impressions

When the first advertisement for "Alicia" first came out, many thought Alicia would have to undergo cosmetic surgery before she could get back on her detractors. It seemed difficult for someone with a face like Alicia's, unless she had tremendous confidence, to last a day without shedding tears in this awfully cruel world. Alicia's attitude proved the viewers wrong—very wrong. She canceled her surgery just minutes before its schedule.

With Alicia, viewers were reminded once again that there is more to a person than looks. That a person should not transform himself/herself to gain other's approval but should just be the person that he/she is. If people hold your looks against you, then maybe they're missing out on the real you.

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# Movies make ugly ducklings out of swans

PAY IT FORWARD

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As a result of the accident, Powder becomes unusually intelligent. From a secluded farm in Texas, he transfers to the Central, the state home for boys, after his grandparents die, where he meets people who mock and torment him because he is different.

### 'Pay It Forward'

The adorable Kevin Spacey plays a scarred (literally and figuratively) grade-school teacher who one day challenges his students to make the world a better place. Haley Joel Osment (a.k.a. The One Who Can See Ghosts) is Trevor McKinney, one of the wide-eyed students. He tries to do a good deed to three strangers without expecting anything in return but just for each one to do the same to others. The movie is inspiring, reminding us not to go by appearances, alone.

### 'Vanilla Sky'

David Aames (Tom Cruise) is a handsome, wealthy and powerful publishing tycoon with a seemingly perfect life. But he really feels incomplete. When he stumbles into Penelope Cruz, he thinks that she's the missing piece in his life. A jealous lover's reappearance complicates things resulting in an accident and an ending that demands major focus and concentration.

## PINOY

Pinoy movies are not strangers to the world of prosthetics. In the local soaps, Jacklyn Jose's leprosy scars or Cecilia's acid-washed face may not be too impressive but there are people in Philippine cinema, who did makeup and prosthetics, that deserve applause and award.

Since my memory is selective and my sources are not entirely dependable, the following may not be exactly accurate so I apologize for inaccuracies.

### 'Hiram na Mukha'

Produced by Viva Films, the movie stars Nanette Medved as a poor, ugly woman. She marries a surgeon who makes her pretty.

### 'Blusang Itim'

Snooky Serna stars as a repulsive-looking woman with a very flat nose, Angelina Jolie lips gone mad and bushy eyebrows. She salivates for an officemate, Richard Gomez, who naturally doesn't even know she exists (except in his nightmares). Things change when she finds a magical black blouse that gives her va-va-voom looks.

### 'Kristal'

Older relatives say this stars the Superstar as an ugly prostitute who gets impregnated by a very (very, very) drunk American. She bears a beautiful daughter named Kristal. In the end, Ate Guy suffers from major madness.

### 'Tuklaw'

According to my teacher-friend who is old enough to have seen this flick back when I was just starting to crawl, this Goma starrer is about a mentally challenged man disowned by his family. With a snake for a twin, he lives on the streets, gets sicker and dirtier, thus the Adonis becomes a very dirty one.

### 'Bihagin ang Dalagang Ito'

According to a friend whose babysitter put her by the television set when she was little, this one stars Sheryl Cruz (as in Ms Ikaw Ang True Love Ko) as Dokleng, a funny-looking, cross-eyed girl with a weird smile when she talks. She is unloved by the man she adores and is mocked by others. Things brighten up when she undergoes an eye operation courtesy of a rich couple that adopts her.

**Ugly fact:** The movies portray good-looking stars as ugly but we know that in real life, many celebrities have personalities more repulsive than the ugliest roles in filmdom.

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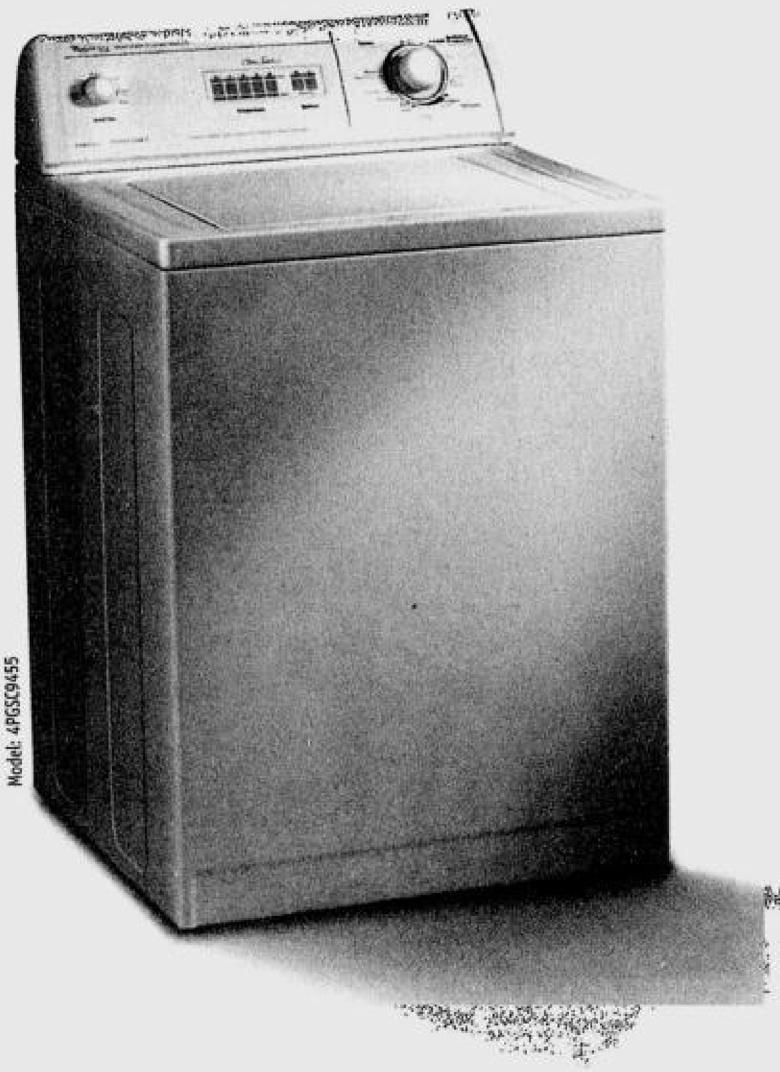

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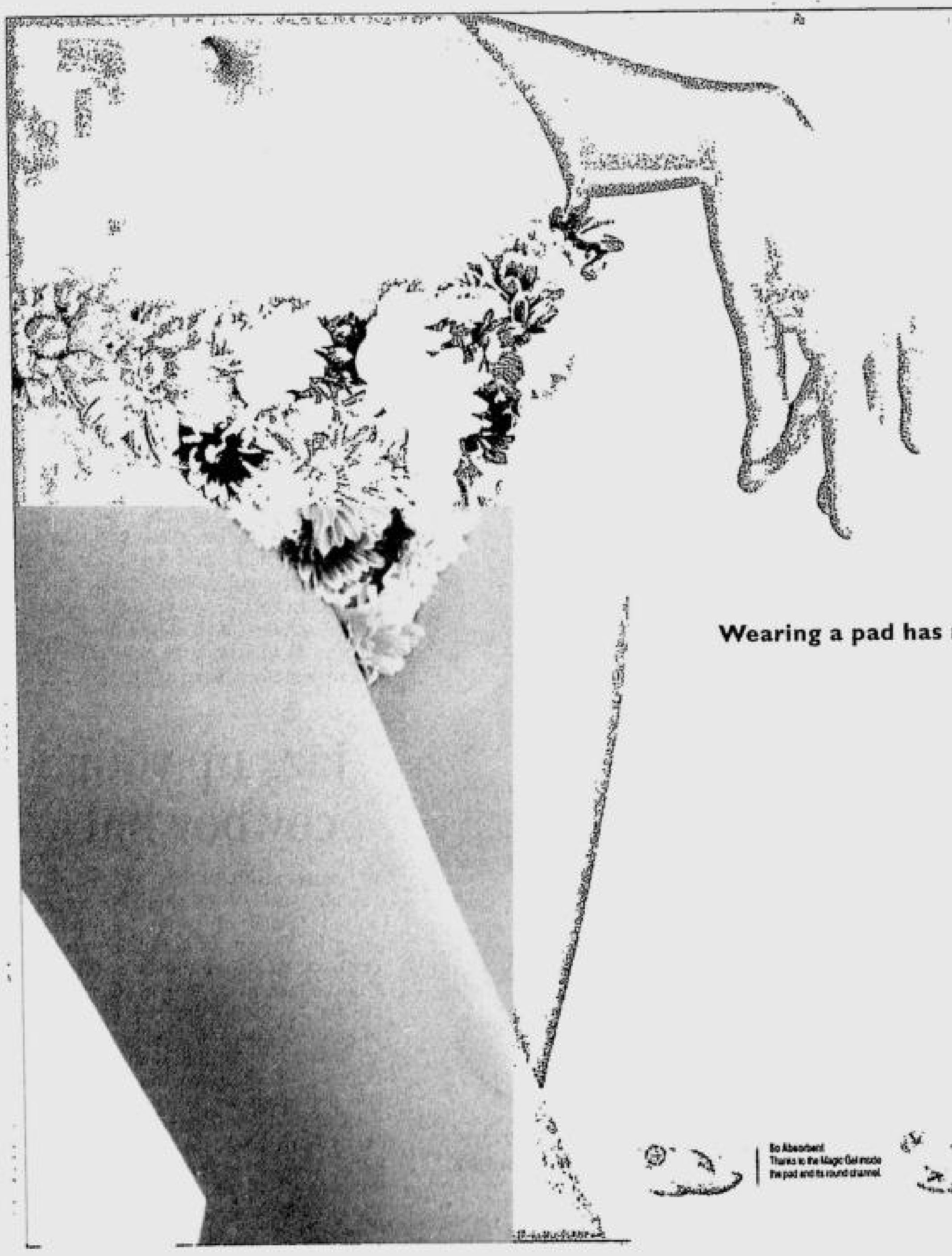

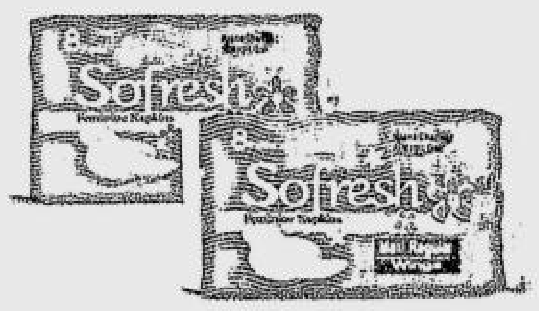

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# Why I like ugly men

**By Phoebe Gonzales**
*2bU! Correspondent*

"*ANO ba yang* boyfriend *mo, ang pangit!*"

If a zit would pop out on my face every time I heard that line, I'd be a major derma disaster by now.

It's time for a confession. My name is Phoebe and I like ugly men. No offense to those who deem themselves to be lookers—I'm sure countless women fall all over your feet and one less isn't a big loss. Actually, my men don't seem ugly to me. Or in some instances, although they weren't too attractive in the beginning, they soon turned into demi-gods because of their bowl-me-over wit or golden hearts.

While most girls swoon over long lashes, rosy cheeks and perfect teeth, my knees weaken at the sound of heartfelt laughter, a good stimulating conversation or an act of selflessness minus hypocrisy.

I know, I know, I am the "love is blind" cliché personified. But while my eyes were blinded, in most instances, my heart wasn't.

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There is so much to love in your typical ugly man that he can make my heart melt more than any hot guy out there.

Ugly men aren't so preoccupied with looks. I appreciate men who wouldn't mind if I muss up their hair when I feel playful. And not being a mirror person myself, I like a date who would spend time looking at me rather than his reflection in mirrors, car windows, glasses and cutlery.

Ugly men work hard at pleasing you—in every sense of the word. It could be that they feel they have a lot to make up for, or simply lack of ego. It might be psychological but I am in no position to play wannabe shrink. Let me just say I find that earnest need to make other people happy absolutely endearing.

Ugly men give you hardly any competition. I abhor jealousy. A happy and fulfilling relationship with someone that not everyone lusts for spares me from that.

While I will not deny that there are lookers who can astound people with their brainpower, too, I've found conversations with my ugly men utterly stimulating. This is extremely important to me—after all, when we're old and wrinkled, my husband and I will not be staring at and telling each other how pretty we are. I'd like us to still be having juicy, good-enough-to-print conversations—I can totally live on that.

Ugly men treat you like a princess. After going through hell with the I-am-God's-gift-to-the-world type of the male species, being with not so good-looking men is a major relief.

I would fall in love with a physically ugly man—as long as every other part of him is beautiful.

So when my friends and family make nasty comments about the guy I'm dating, I just shake my head at their inability to see his inner beauty.

Then again, there are ugly men who don't realize that they are ugly; ugly men who deem themselves hotties and strut around as if they were on a catwalk.

And, of course, there are ugly men who are ugly not just on the outside. That's when ugly gets really really ugly.

That's when I break up with them.

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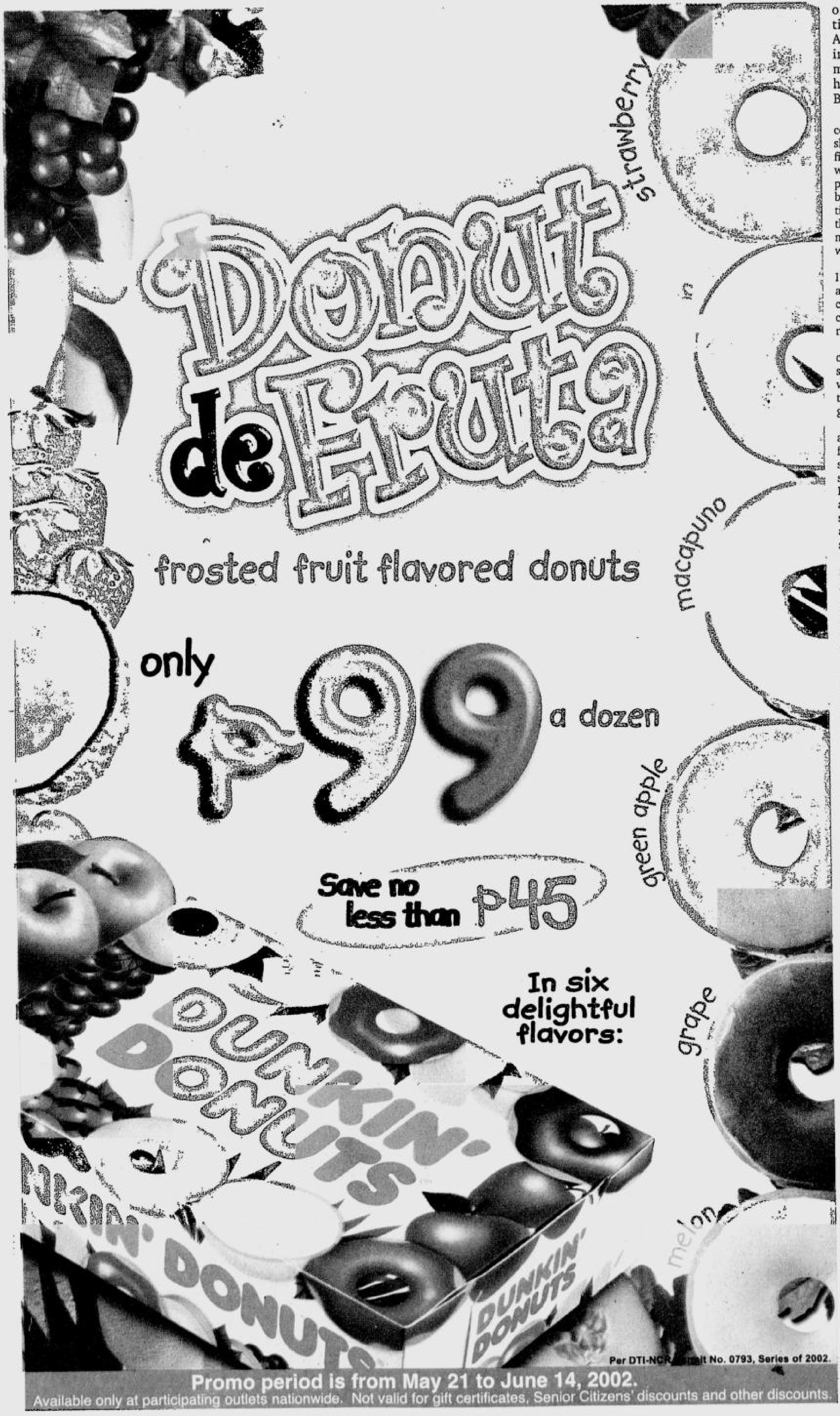

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# Seeing what's ugly to achieve true beauty

**by Justine Serrano**
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"YOU'RE not fat at all. Why do you want a lipo?" the doctor asked when I went to her clinic after seeing her ads in the newspaper. Every time I looked in a mirror, I would see that my flab made me less fab. I hated not being able to wear a two-piece bathing suit on the beach and all the other existentialist questions of our young life. After countless hours of working out in the gym and giving up trying to make my belly layers disappear the hard way, "Body by Belo, body by Belo" echoed in my brain.

I secretly saved up for the operation in my college senior year, cutting down on food and shopping. Although it seemed like forever, I finally had enough for the procedure. Since it was vacation time by then, I thought it was the perfect time for the operation. I wanted it to be a secret, so that a month after the operation, I could walk around campus, wait for all the "Hey you're so thin now!" and other comments, and act surprised hearing all this. I would respond with a wide-eyed "Really?"

I lifted my shirt up to show the doctor why I wanted the procedure. "Ah okay," she said, and touched the "soft" parts the way a discerning customer would assess pork or chicken in the market. There's a lot of fat all right, and we both wanted it gone.

I underwent blood tests to determine my clotting time and all that. I didn't fret when I saw the needle, nor when they pricked me with it. "Sacrifice for beauty" was the mantra that kept repeating in my head like Zoolander getting hypnotized by the "Relax" soundtrack.

An hour later, I was lying in bed half-awake, courtesy of sedatives given to me. It felt like three people were giving me a massage! I saw how they removed my "ugly" side—suctioning out all the fat in my tummy. Later, they showed me a bottle of yellowish and reddish liquid—all my fat. Usually I'd be sentimental, like somebody who would keep a removed appendix as souvenir. This time, I said, "Throw it all out—I don't need it."

When I went home and had dinner with my folks, they didn't suspect a thing. My aunt was going to hug me before I went to my room but I shook her hand instead. She might have felt weird about it, but I could not let her touch my body since I was wearing a compression garment (like a girdle) that liposuction patients have to wear so the skin would not sag.

Before going to bed, I had to take off the compression garment which started to feel like a strait jacket—it didn't help that I had a full dinner. When I took it off, I looked in the mirror. My tummy was black and blue, swollen from the operation. The ugliest part of my body just got uglier. Despite the knowledge that this would heal in a few weeks (my doctor said this was normal), I stared at my "uglified" body part. It was as if I was looking deep down into myself, understanding my shortcomings and accepting them.

I didn't freak out over my wounds or cried for help. I was happy to see them, knowing this was a part of my search—more than beauty, it was happiness I was really looking for. In my quest for physical perfection, I stumbled into my ugliest side—and found out how truly fantastic life can become, by seeing and accepting ourselves, wounds, warts and all.

Now when I look in the mirror, I see a beautiful person with the ugly aftermath of an operation that is still on the recovery stage. Sometimes we really need to see our "ugly" parts to fully accept the beauty of our being.

I do not regret having the operation. In fact, I am happy with the realization of myself as an imperfect being trying to achieve perfection. Yes, it takes much more than or it has nothing to do at all with the absence of fat to get there, but hey, it's not a bad start.

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## MTV PILIPINAS AWARDS 2002

# Pinoy and proud

**By Jason Doplito**
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"WHAT makes you proud as a Filipino?" This question concluded the presentation of MTV Pilipinas Awards 2002. It was perhaps the only music awards show catering to the young generation, the country's hope for the future. Amid all the head banging and body slamming, it was a celebration of one of the things this country can be proud of—its music.

The NBC Tent was transformed into a Manila street scene with flyovers on the stage that highlighted this one gigantic OPM party. MTV VJs Donita, Sarah, Belinda and KC co-hosted the event with Martin Nievera. Although he isn't exactly of the MTV generation, Nievera was warmly received by the audience for his witty quips and zany hosting skills. The opening number had Barbie Almalbis (Barbie's Cradle), Rico Blanco (Rivermaya) and Medwin Marfil (True Faith), whose bands were nominated for this year's Best Group (including Cheese and Wolgang), performing their nominated hits.

It was also a night of tears—from laughter, mind you. Rufa Mae Quinto and her hosting skills were the perfect excuse to go on a really long break due to some technical problems.

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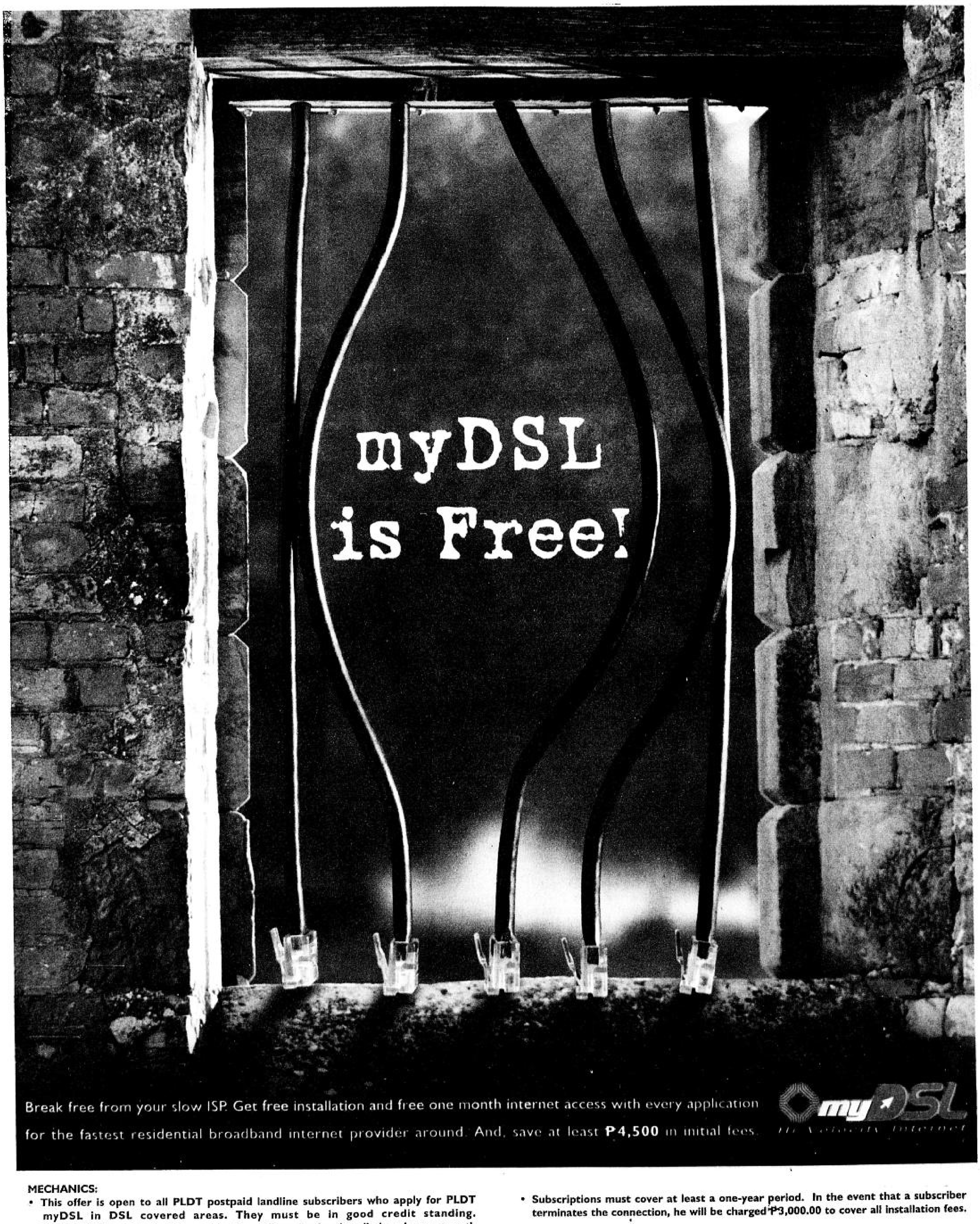

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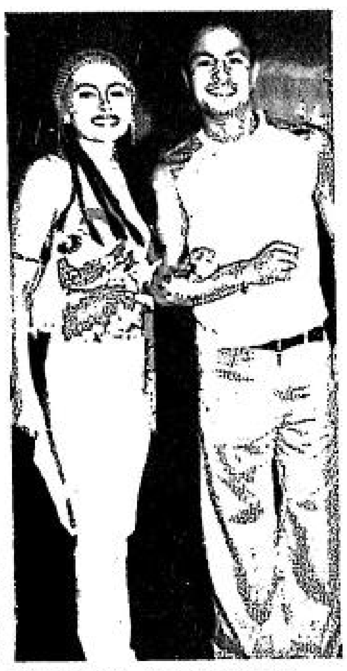
**DOUBLE A.** Anna Shier and Derek Ramsey at the red carpet

**TIGER LILY.** VJ Belinda Panelo and Super B Rufa Mae Quinto

**STYLE SWANS.** Isabel Roces and Rissa Samson

**ROCK N RANT.** Karl Roy onstage

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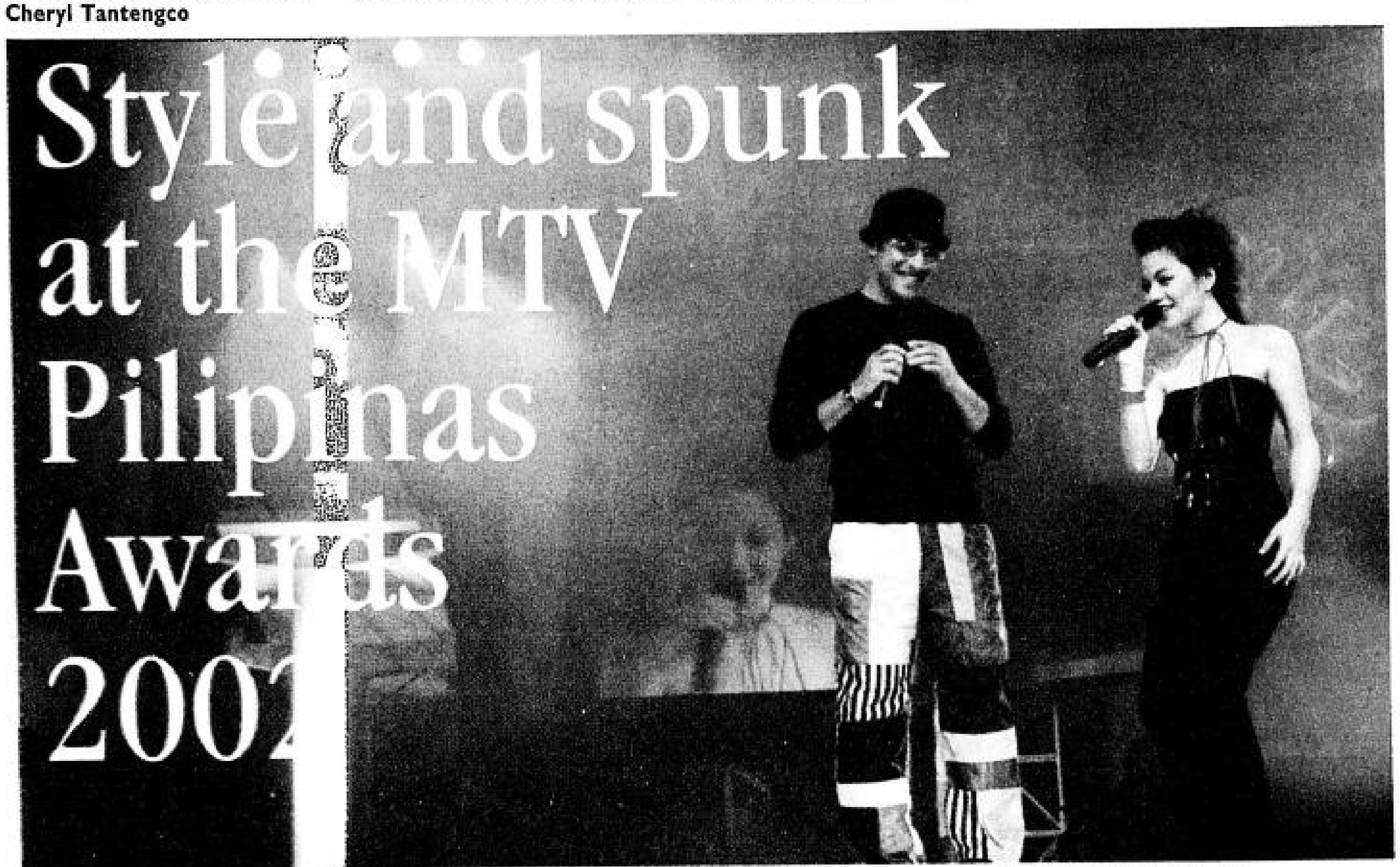
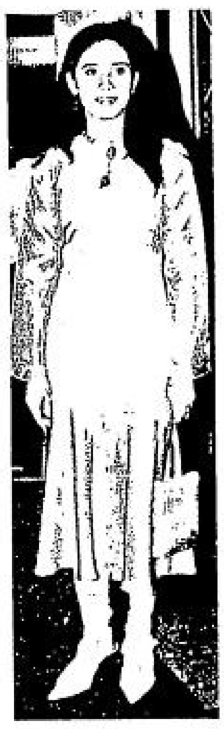
# Style and spunk at the MTV Pilipinas Awards 2002


**STOP AND TALK AWHILE.** Gary Valenciano in patwork pants and Kyla at the Smart-sponsored MTV Pilipinas Awards

**WALLPAPER.** Tim Yap in Paolo Raymundo's brick jacket

**KYLA** plays a pop princess


**KARYLLE** in hodgepodge fashion

**Text and photos by Tim Yap**

WHAT makes the MTV Pilipinas 2002 the spectacle that it is, aside from all the hype and hullabaloo over the winners and their music, is the fact that it is a celebration of the Filipino artist. In a night devoted to OPM, the Filipino artist as fashion plate also shone through.

Applause goes to Regine Velasquez for flaunting her astounding assets. It is about time she takes back her throne as style swan, which is how she started, donning Louie Mamengo gowns in her glam years. For MTV, she had two changes, both befitting her songbird status. Gary V, awarded as style icon—from the '80's Michael Jackson look to patch work and deconstruction now—sashayed on the red carpet to the stage in Dolce and Gabbanna outfits and Paolo Raymundo denims, which he carried with ease and sassy style. Now there's something to be said about re-invention, thank God.

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**AT LONG LAST.** Regine Velasquez goes glam

**IN FULL BLOOM.** Tessa Prieto-Valdes in a Rajo Laurel here with hubby Dennis Valdes

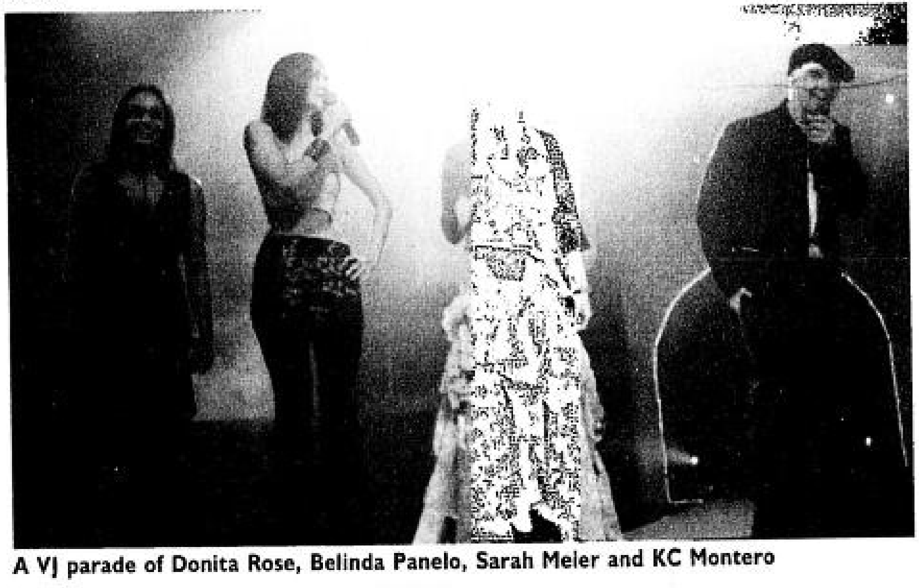
Even the presenters exerted effort to dress well. Save for the basketball players, who looked like they just came from basketball practice, the others had their designers of choice whip something up for the all-important night of music and magic. Style icon Tessa Prieto-Valdes wore a fuchsia Rajo Laurel flora and fauna gown while Rissa Samson opted for Patrice Ramos-Diaz's twisted tulle. I went to young designer-of-the-moment Paolo Raymundo for his red brick jacket.

Headpieces and hats were the rage. From Kyla and Grace Nono's ethnic headpieces to the hats worn by rockers and non-rockers on stage and off, it was one night that could have been a mad hatter's bash. To complete the event's style files, the MTV mosh pit had models jumping up and down the T-shaped stage.

The veejays all dressed the part, with KC Montero donning his beret and jacket ready to do R&B and Donita Rose in a Noni Diza (also designer for Fila) and looking spunky enough to go clubbing in London right after the awards. VJ Belinda Panelo looked sexy and sassy in her figure-hugging top with a floral apron and, of course, Sarah Meier can wear anything and get away with it, as if we didn't know that. She wore a Noni Diza ensemble made of strips of cloth, torn and made into a gown, and capped the outfit with a fisherman's hat.

Other artists opted to look like they just came from a drinking spree or straight out of their homes after watching TV. But being artists, they can always wear whatever they feel like. After all, this was not a movie awards night where sexpots would crave attention. This was a gathering of artists, out to have a ball while paying homage to their peers and promoting Filipino style and music.

To this year's bunch of banner holders and nominees, I take my hats off to you. I always say it's better to have tried than not to have tried at all. Any awards night has winners and losers. The same is true in style. Only difference is, I shall not point them out—you be the judge. Witness on this page funk and flair, MTV style.


A VJ parade of Donita Rose, Belinda Panelo, Sarah Meier and KC Montero

**REGINE** reigns in this sexy number

**ETHNIC** diva Grace Nono sizzles

**CORSET CHIC.** Tanya Paulsen is hot, hot, hot.

**BLACK BOOK.** Patricia Javier flaunts it

**LUCKY YOU.** Nancy Castiglione in gear

**RATED RICO BLANCO.** Rivermaya was the night's big winner

**RAG RACE.** Ronald Pasion of Atomic Matchbox

**PAROKYA NI EDGAR.** High on their victory

**AMERICAN ADOBO.** Paolo Montalban in masculine lace

**JAGGED EDGE.** Barbie Almalbis' cowgirl cradle

# Pimoy and proud

From page E1

Regine Velasquez, Gary Valenciano and Kyla performed, as well as previous hit makers, Meagan Aguilar and Karl Roy.

So what makes us proud to be Filipino? Seeing everyone happy, looking like winners all. Here is the list of winners:

**Cornetto Lifetime Achievement Award**—Parokya ni Edgar

**Dolce & Gabbana Light Blue Most Romantic Ballad**—"I Feel for You" by Kyla

**Jag Most Stylish Video**—Cheese, "Mottaka"

**Most Stylish Artist in a Video**—Gary Valenciano

**Best New Artist**—Karylle, "Can't Live Without You"

**Best Group**—Rivermaya, "Umaaraw, Umuulan"

**Best Male**—Gary Valenciano, featuring Kyla, "Can We Just Stop and Talk a While"

**Best Female**—Karylle, "Can't Live without You"

**Best Song**—Parokya ni Edgar, "Swimming Beach"

**Best Director**—Lyle Sacris, "Umaaraw, Umuulan" by Rivermaya

**Video of the Year**—Rivermaya, "Umaaraw, Umuulan"

## He Said/ She Said

**He said:** This year's MTV Pilipinas was definitely way better than last year's, which was pretty stiff and boring (consider the setting: Shangri-La Hotel). Last Thursday, they even had a mosh pit, though small, but it's an improvement. Nothing stunning about the performances, though the last number, a homage to Filipinos everywhere, really had me so emotional I considered asking everyone to stand up and close the show with the national anthem. Though the award's show was clearly too pop and less alternative, we couldn't complain. After all, MTV Philippines is really mainstream more than anything else. Just consider the VJs.

This year's MTV Pilipinas was definitely way better than last year's

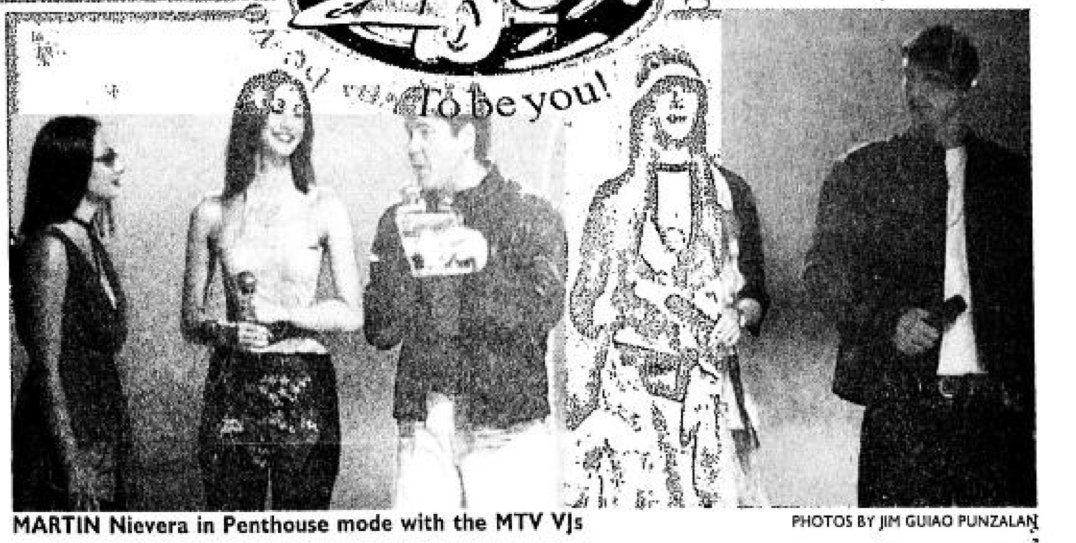
JOEY Mead and her boyfriend, Ford model Richard Lee
PHOTO TIM YAP

**Heartbreaking Moment:** Regine not winning Best Female.

**Laugh-inducing moment:** Rufa Mae Quinto and her "bimbo" act. Despite the awkward moment of waiting for the next performers, Rufa's ad libs entertained us all.

**I wish he/she was nominated:** I'm fine with the nominees list.

**I wish he/she performed this year:** I really expected an All-Star performance, with all the nominees in at least one category jamming together.


MARTIN Nievera in Penthouse mode with the MTV VJs
PHOTOS BY JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

**Best speech:** Parokya ni Edgar's was pretty cool.

**Scene-stealer of the night:** Grace Nono and Belinda Panelo. They couldn't have been more beautiful that night.

**Overall:** I don't know what Maui's problem is with the award's show being pop, when she herself happens to be a big fan of Britney Spears and Mandy Moore.

**She said:** I expected more. Last year's yawn-inducing show was a given—it was the channel's first awards show. But glamorizing the event with pop artists and ballad-singing musicians who lived on choreography didn't make up for last year's awards (granted that I am a fan of Spears and Moore, that's no reason the MTV Pilipinas Awards should have wannabes). I shouldn't have set myself up for such a disappointment. I should have known what the outcome would be when the nominees were announced. And that mosh pit? Should have been dubbed "the models' pit".

**Heartbreaking moment:** When Martin Nievera sang "Simply Amazing." I wanted to hold my friends' hands and sing along.

**Laugh-inducing moment:** When a certain model stuttered through his spiel, and when Parokya ni Edgar stripped onstage.

**I wish he/she was nominated:** Sandwich and Itchyworms! Director Marie Jamora was robbed.

**I wish he/she performed this year:** Joey Pepe Smith. Just because.

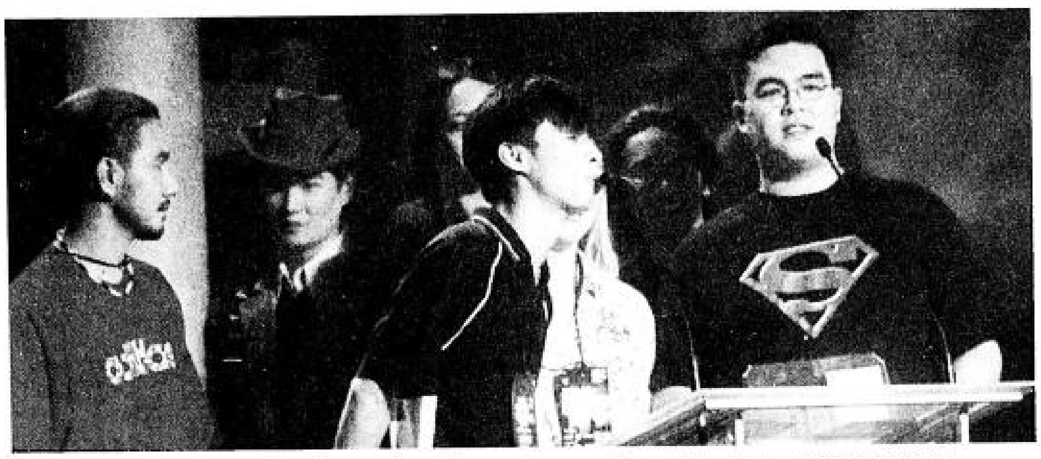
**Best speech:** Parokya ni Edgar. Nothing beats stripping and crowd surfing over...um...a non-existent crowd (well, they would have hit the mosh pit, but then again, models' hair takes too many hours to fix).

**Scene-stealer of the night:** Rufa Mae Quinto. She should have hosted the show.

**Overall:** Jason loves Regine Velasquez, which explains why. My brother took the words out of my mouth: "It was cheezy."

*Maui Reyes*

RIVERMAYA accepts their award for the Filipino fan as presentor Marco Lobregat looks on.


PAROKYA ni Edgar receives the music achievement award from Tim Yap and Sarah Meier.

# What makes music ugly?

**Text and photos by Maui V. Reyes**

"MUSIC is music is music..." is what I tell people who like to categorize music into what's hot, what's not, what sucks, and what is a waste of production money. I've learned to appreciate music for what it is, and art, and not for the clothes of the artist or the status of the band.

Everyone has their own taste in music. While listening to a Garth Brooks CD is considered torture ten times over by one person, might not exactly apply to the next. Indeed, music is beautiful to the ears of the listener.

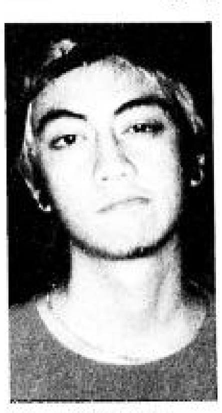
Fresh from last week's very disappointing MTV Pilipinas 2002 Awards (well, some people think it rocked, while other snoozed through the event), 2bU! decided to ask some musicians what *they* think makes music ugly for them.

ZACH Lucero

"Piracy...or any form of pirated music...that's what makes it ugly,"—Ricci Gurango, Mojofly

"Actors coming out with albums,"—Miggy Chavez, ChicoSci

"I believe music is subjective. What sounds ugly to me may sound cool to another person, so maybe it's the listener that makes or decides whether a certain piece of music is ugly."—Rico Blanco, Rivermaya


MIGGY Chavez

"Music that's not made for music's sake can be ugly, and selfish artists can make music ugly. But I think music in itself can't be ugly, because if it *was* ugly, why call it music in the first place? I think the proper phrase is, it 'makes music appear uglier', not 'makes music ugly. *Malabo ba?*" —Mong Alcaraz, ChicoSci

"Piracy. Violence at gigs."—Jett Pangan, The Dawn

"Any sound 'irrelevant' to a song makes it 'not sounding good'. 'Ugly' is such an unforgiving word!"—Cynthia Alexander

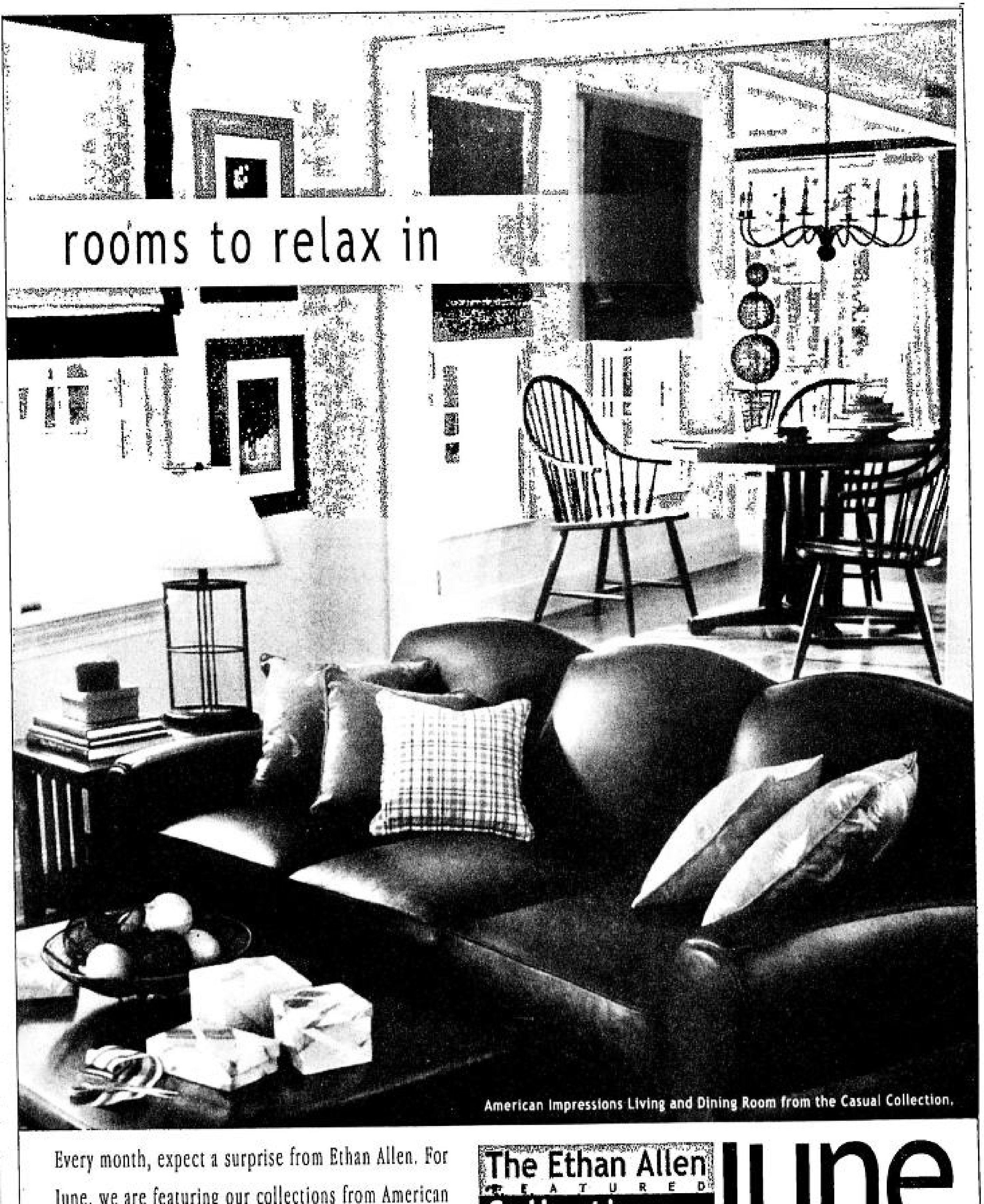
"When you smell the foul stench of too much money matters and too much business, when it's all about making money instead of making music to inspire and change people. And moreover, when it starts being pirated. F**k piracy!"—Kakoi Legaspi, 21, Rivermaya

"When it is not honest. When 'artists' do it for the money and not for integrity. When they don't put their heart in it,"—Tim Cacho, Imago

"Nothing [makes music ugly], I just appreciate more the music I really like." Mike Elgar, Rivermaya

"When it is played or performed without conviction." –Zach Lucero, Imago

*TULOY ANG LIGAYA.* L-R: Mojofly's Ricci, Rivermaya's Kakoi, Mark, Rico, Mike, Japs, and Best Director Lyle Sacris



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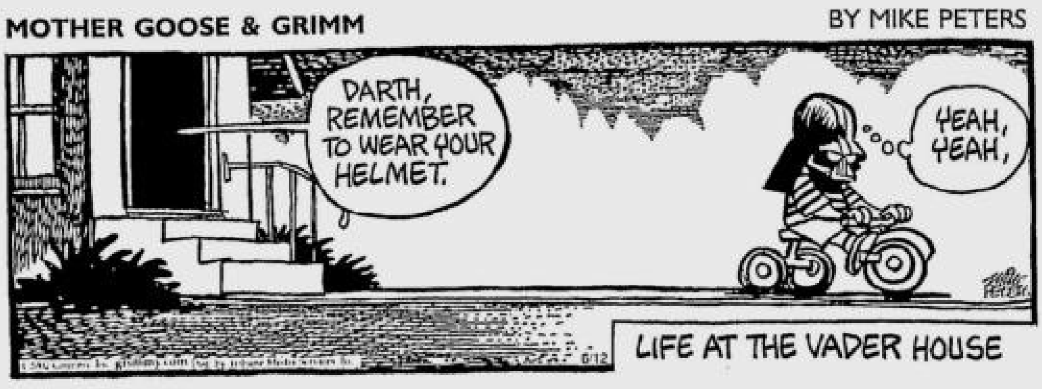
DARTH, REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR HELMET.
YEAH, YEAH,
LIFE AT THE VADER HOUSE
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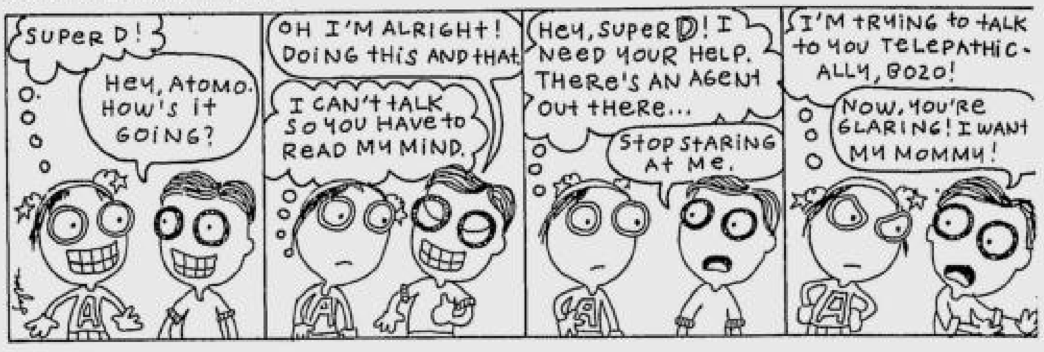
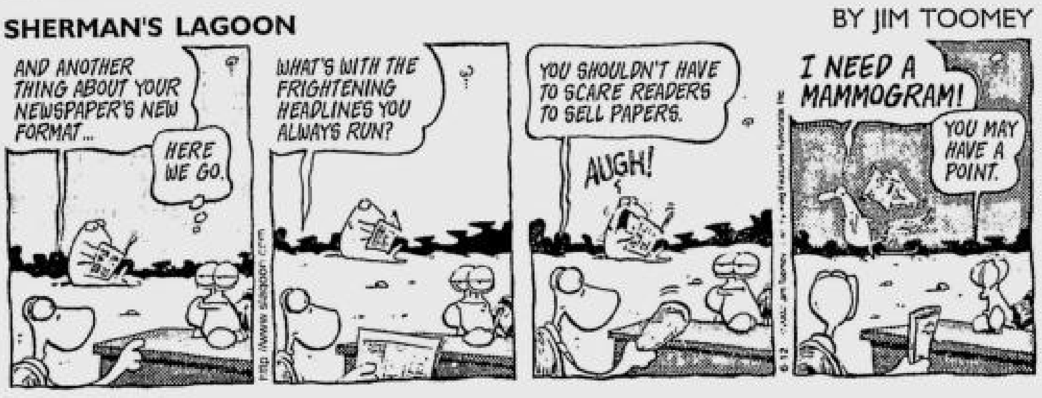
## ATOMO AND WEBOY

BY LYRA GARCELLANO


SUPER D!
HEY, ATOMO. HOW'S IT GOING?
OH I'M ALRIGHT! DOING THIS AND THAT.
I CAN'T TALK SO YOU HAVE TO READ MY MIND.
HEY, SUPER D! I NEED YOUR HELP. THERE'S AN AGENT OUT THERE...
STOP STARING AT ME.
I'M TRYING TO TALK TO YOU TELEPATHICALLY, BOZO!
NOW, YOU'RE GLARING! I WANT MY MOMMY!

## SHERMAN'S LAGOON

BY JIM TOOMEY


AND ANOTHER THING ABOUT YOUR NEWSPAPER'S NEW FORMAT...
HERE WE GO.
WHAT'S WITH THE FRIGHTENING HEADLINES YOU ALWAYS RUN?
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TO SCARE READERS TO SELL PAPERS.
AUGH!
I NEED A MAMMOGRAM!
YOU MAY HAVE A POINT.
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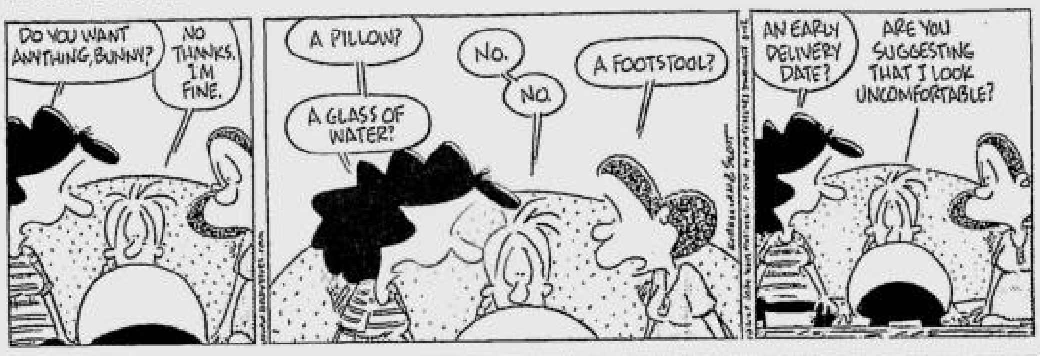
## BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT


DO YOU WANT ANYTHING, BUNNY?
NO THANKS. I'M FINE.
A PILLOW?
A GLASS OF WATER?
NO.
NO.
A FOOTSTOOL?
AN EARLY DELIVERY DATE?
ARE YOU SUGGESTING THAT I LOOK UNCOMFORTABLE?

## HOROSCOPE

### BY EUGENIA LAST

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Anne Frank, Brigid Brophy, Chick Corea, Ally Sheedy

**Happy Birthday:** Join groups or organizations that you believe in and you will meet new friends. You will have a great love of home and family, and will work diligently to make your surroundings comfortable and inviting. Your strong willpower, coupled with your intuition, should help you accomplish all you set out to do. Your numbers are 13, 17, 22, 31, 38, 44

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You may want to learn to say no today. Everyone will want a piece of you and your time will certainly not be your own. Think twice before you offer.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You can make some great connections today. An offer that could turn your cash problem around is in the offing. Someone you least expect will come to your rescue.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** It's time to take the initiative and transform your professional life into something you really want to do.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Your emotions will be close to the surface today. Think twice before you get upset with someone who may be an innocent bystander. Push yourself to work on something creative.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Think twice about the people you've been hanging out with lately. You have trusted all the wrong people. Don't tell your secrets and you won't have anything to worry about.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Someone will take a huge interest in what you are trying to do today. Don't hesitate to talk to those in a position to help you. Your involvement in worthwhile groups will contribute to your progress.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** This probably isn't the best day to present something that you've been working on. You'll be eager to learn so you should attend a function related to your vocation.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You need to get out and talk to people about subjects that interest you. The information you gather could affect your current direction and alter your future. Travel if possible.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Keep a close eye on your finances today. You may be in a tight spot if you have tied your cash up in something that is stagnant. Do something to alter your living quarters.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** An opportunity to form a partnership is likely. You should look into all the possibilities available to you. If you are quick to make a decision you will find yourself in a very good position.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** If you want to make career changes this would be a good day to look into the possibilities. Opportunities may develop through past colleagues. Jump at the chance to make a change.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You will be creative in all that you do today. Social activities will draw you and the chance to get out and mix business with pleasure is likely. Stick to the places you are familiar with.

**Birthday Baby:** You will have the resourcefulness to ferret out things that others do not recognize as valuable. You have hidden talents that you'll be able to rely on when the going gets tough. Energy, willpower and intensity will help you accomplish whatever you set out to do.

## DAILY CROSSWORD

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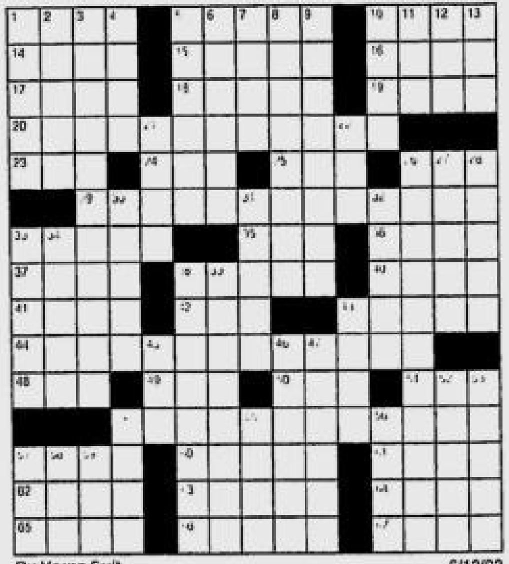

By Verna Suit
Silver Spring, MD

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**ACROSS**
1 Hertz rival
5 One of Moses' scouts
10 Perry's creator
14 Groening or Dillon
15 Yellowish green
16 Fertility god
17 Ingrid in "Casablanca"
18 Penalized financially
19 In a frenzy
20 Edvard Grieg piece and biopic
23 B'way theater sign
24 Bakery buy
25 Bad in Nice
26 Fink
29 Woody Guthrie piece and biopic
33 Ages and ages
35 Bark in comics
36 The third man?
37 Stuffing stuff
38 Windmill blades
40 __-noire
41 Workplace watchdog grp.
42 Circle section
43 More achy
44 Sigmund Romberg piece and biopic
48 Misspeak
49 Org. of Lions and Bears
50 Motorists' org.
51 Bikini part
54 W.C. Handy piece and biopic
57 Operatic prima donna
60 Singer Steve
61 Author Ambler
62 Saudi or Omani
63 Ford lemon
64 Part of A.D.
65 List of options
66 Russian rulers
67 Sibilant signal

**DOWN**
1 Out of kilter
2 Bravery
3 I don't mind at all
4 Deer guy
5 Oblong box
6 Adjusted properly: var.
7 Capolicchio of "The Garden of the Finzi-Continis"
8 Always
9 Towers over
10 Online auction site
11 Lamb's father
12 Thai Buddhist
13 Wapiti
21 Musical composition
22 Math subj.
26 "Comin' Thro' the Rye" man
27 Rugged ridge
28 10th U.S. President
30 Standing by
31 Whim
32 Heavy work
33 Dwelling
34 Loom bar
38 Jo of "East of Eden"
39 Quantities of wildflowers
43 Volvo competition
45 Bank payt.
46 Bullhorn
47 Art stands
52 Controls
53 Broad tie
54 "The Thief of Baghdad" star
55 Bear of stars
56 __ of faith
57 Lake maker
58 Wrath
59 Panel truck

### Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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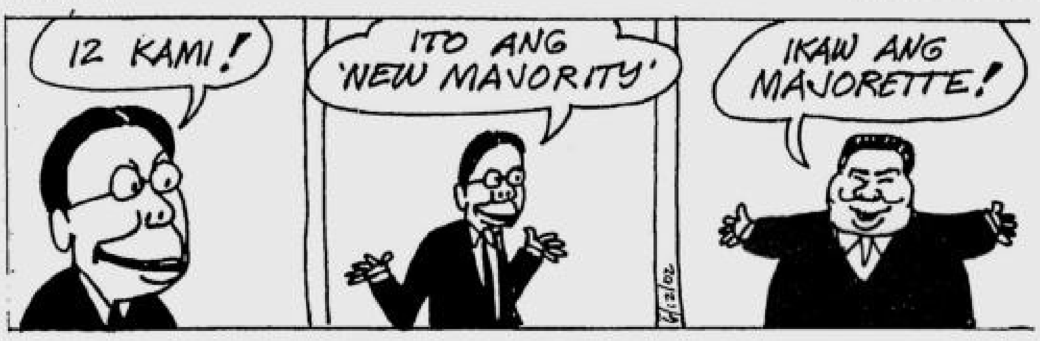
IZ KAMI!
ITO ANG 'NEW MAJORITY'
IKAW ANG MAJORETTE!
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## PUGAD BABOY

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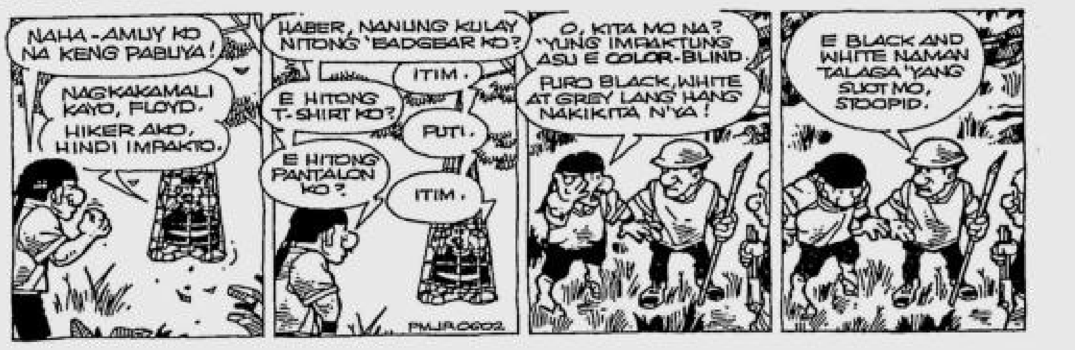
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NAGKAKAMALI KAYO, FLOYD. HIKER AKO, HINDI IMPAKTO.
HABER, NANUNG KULAY NITONG 'BADGEAR KO?
ITIM.
E HITONG T-SHIRT KO?
PUTI.
E HITONG PANTALON KO?
ITIM.
O, KITA MO NA? 'YUNG IMPAKTUNG ASU E COLOR-BLIND. PURO BLACK, WHITE AT GREY LANG HANG NAKIKITA N'YA!
E BLACK AND WHITE NAMAN TALAGA 'YANG SUOT MO, STOOPID.
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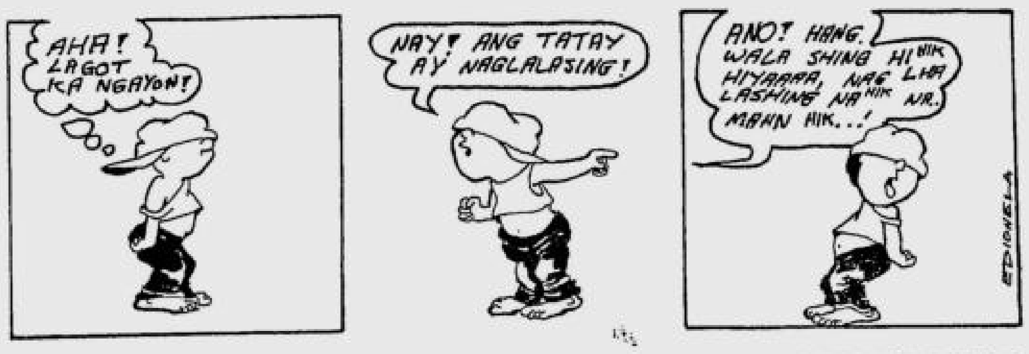
AHA! LAGOT KA NGAYON!
NAY! ANG TATAY AY NAGLALASING!
ANO! HANG. WALA SHING HI HIK HIYAAAA, NAG LIA LASHING NA HIK NR. MAHN HIK...!
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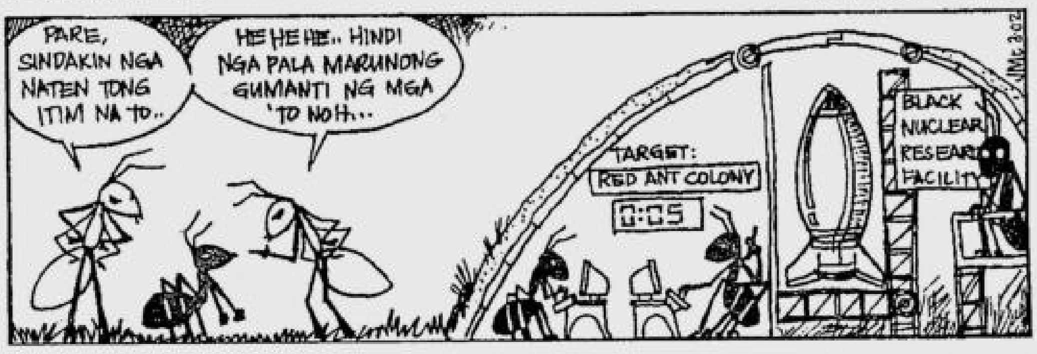
PARE, SINDAKIN NGA NATEN TONG ITIM NA TO..
HE HE HE.. HINDI NGA PALA MARUNONG GUMANTI NG MGA 'TO NOH...
TARGET: RED ANT COLONY
0:05
BLACK NUCLEAR RESEAR FACILITY

## BEN

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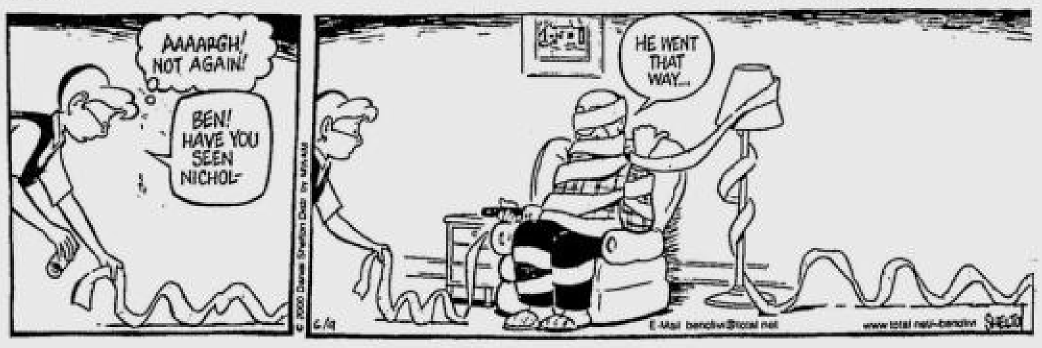
AAAARGH! NOT AGAIN!
BEN! HAVE YOU SEEN NICHOL-
HE WENT THAT WAY...

## MUTTS

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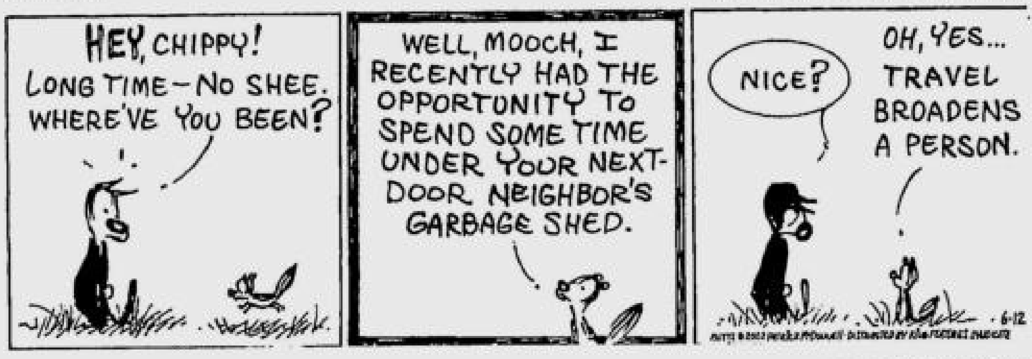
HEY, CHIPPY! LONG TIME—NO SHEE. WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?
WELL, MOOCH, I RECENTLY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND SOME TIME UNDER YOUR NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBOR'S GARBAGE SHED.
NICE?
OH, YES... TRAVEL BROADENS A PERSON.
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## KIKO MACHINE

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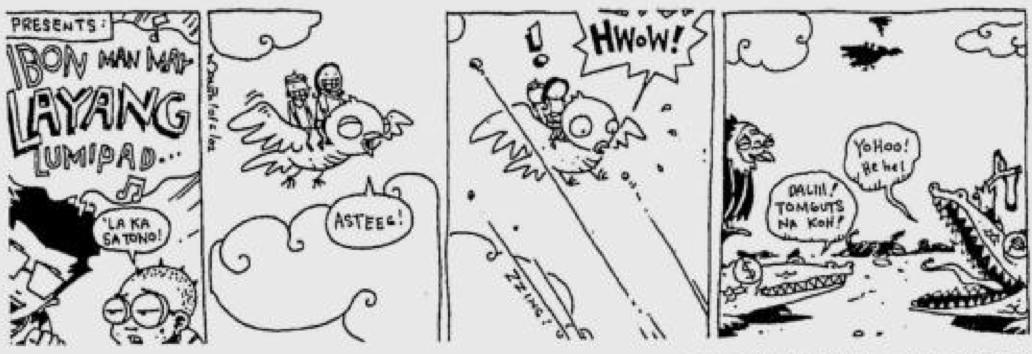
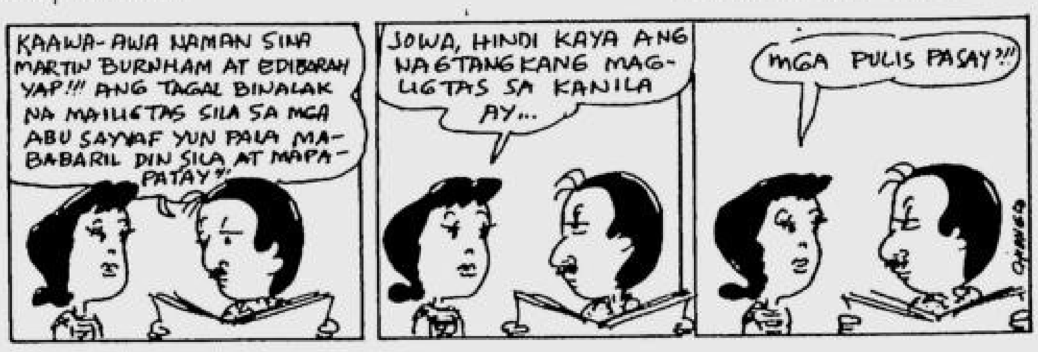

PRESENTS:
IBON MAN MAY LAYANG LUMIPAD...
'LA KA SA TONO!
ASTEEG!
HWOW!
YoHoo! He he!
DALII! TOMGUTS NA KOH!

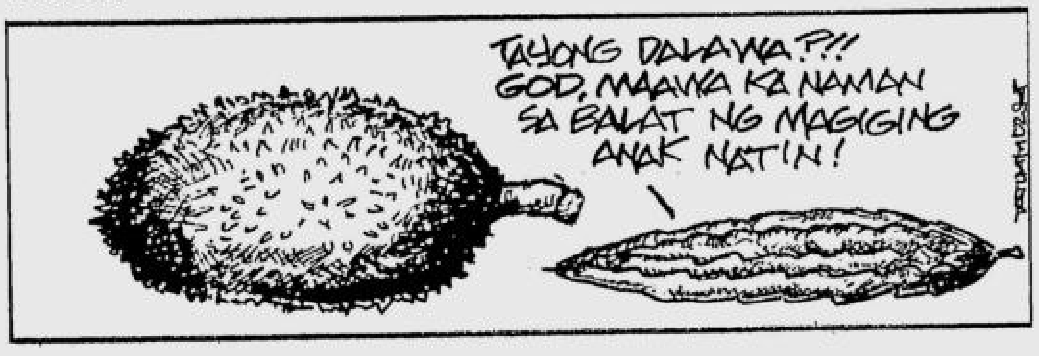
## LOVEKNOTS

BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO


KAAWA-AWA NAMAN SINA MARTIN BURNHAM AT EDIBORAH YAP!!! ANG TAGAL BINALAK NA MAILIGTAS SILA SA MGA ABU SAYYAF YUN PALA MABABARIL DIN SILA AT MAPAPATAY!!
JOWA, HINDI KAYA ANG NAGTANGKANG MAGLIGTAS SA KANILA AY...
MGA PULIS PASAY?!!

## TULDOK

BY PAPU AND TATUM MILAMBILING


TAYONG DALAWA?!! GOD, MAAWA KA NAMAN SA BALAT NG MAGIGING ANAK NATIN!

# What makes this world ugly?

2bU! lists the things that make this world ugly—not out of spite but to let people see beauty in their absence

### [illegible] makes fashion ugly?

- The obsession for everything new and the fickleness that can drive people insane
- People who equate brands with being stylish
- The "who-are-you-wearing?" mentality
- When you wipe out your savings to be fashionable
- Counterfeit goods
- When a jacket costs as much as a second-hand car
- Victimhood
- Inflated egos
- Old people who can't deal with the new styles
- Know-it-alls
- People looking like carbon copies of each other
- Monotony
- Lost identities
- Too many "experts"
- Exploited models

### What makes the Internet ugly?

- Spam and junk mail
- Cyberstalkers
- Slow connection
- Prepaid cards that make surfing (or even connecting) hell
- Sucky search engines
- Sites that exploit cyber freedom
- Broken links
- Deceiving links
- Popup ads
- Too-long signup forms

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### What makes music ugly?

- Piracy
- Local artists who copy foreign talents
- Bad remakes of good songs
- Taglish songs. They can make your skin crawl.
- Stupid lyrics—"E.T. is an alien and he is kind of crazy…" Dear God.
- Supposedly sexy but really disgusting songs
- Radio stations that cut songs before they're over and DJs who talk while songs are starting—we want to hear them in their entirety, damnit!

### What makes politics ugly?

- Corruption
- Greed
- Money
- Movie stars who use their popularity to win votes
- Hidden agendas
- Hypocrisy
- Power hogs
- Movie stars who use the youth to win the hearts of people
- Dancing politicians
- Local officials wasting money on huge billboards to proclaim their recent "good deeds"—that's in your job description, you don't have to announce it, thank you.
- Pork barrel
- False promises
- Young politicians who are on the road to *trapo*-dom
- Old, fat and ugly politicians
- Pollution from election paraphernalia
- Everything

### What makes television ugly?

- Too many commercials
- Too many worthless channels on cable
- Growing number of telenovelas
- Too many game shows
- Newscasters who slur and stutter
- Text channels
- Disappearing channels on cable
- Actors who can't act
- Noontime shows that copy each other
- TV shows that capitalize on other people's misery
- Local copies of foreign shows—can't we come up with our own thing?
- Bad commercials

### What makes showbiz ugly?

- Movie stars who campaign against drugs but are actually taking them
- Celebrities who use each other to gain popularity
- Publicity stunts
- Actors and actresses who fight with each other for media mileage. Puh-leeze. You're there to act.
- The sad fact that there seems to be only one requirement to become an "actress" now—the ability to take one's clothes off in front of the camera
- Too many people who consider themselves actors and actresses
- The many showcases of the blatant lack of talent of numerous wannabes
- Ego-tripping newbies
- "Touched-up" beauties
- Neverending gossip

### What makes school ugly?

- Professors who waste our time
- Unreasonable tuition fees—it isn't like we're getting our money's worth
- Schools asking students to sell all sorts of tickets. They can probably turn this into a subject—Sales Talk 101.
- Insignificant subjects. Give us a break.
- Teachers selling goodies to students
- Holes in the grading system
- Special treatment for celebrities and athletes in campus

### What makes friendship ugly?

- Competition
- Dishonesty
- Money
- Overdependence
- Possessiveness
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- Peer pressure
- Lust
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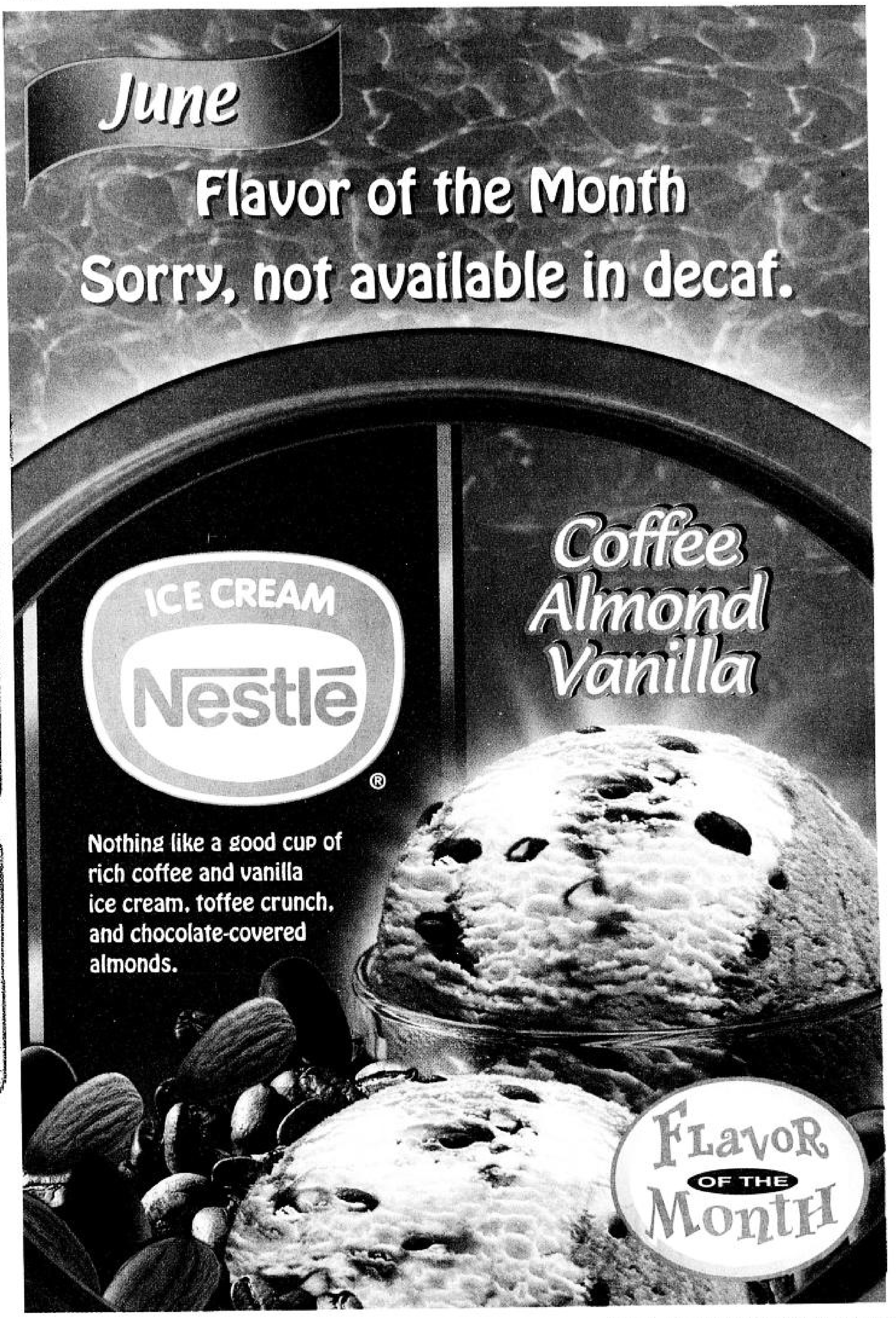
- Jealousy
- Pride



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# Confessions of an Ugly Duckling

'I had to show my parents that just because I was an ugly, boyish kid didn't mean I couldn't be a beautiful woman'

**By Dianne Sison**
*2bUI Correspondent*

SOME 10 years ago, you would most likely not have known me. You would probably not have given me a second look. I wasn't your ordinary youngster. I was one of those kids who didn't have a presence, unless I was showing up in the basketball court and on the village streets.

Every afternoon, I rode my bike to the park wearing my usual worn out rubber shoes, baggy shorts, a large T-shirt and a ponytail. I had a waistline of 30 inches and braces on my teeth. My eyebrows were thick, my brown skin would turn a shade darker after every basketball game and my muscles would firm up with every punch I gave to any boy who teased me. I took pride in being the only rose among the thorns although my parents didn't exactly share the feeling.

Although my mother had me tagging along with her since I was four, I never really adopted her feminine ways. I didn't walk gracefully; my rubber shoes would squeak at every step and I definitely wouldn't be caught dead wearing a skirt. Pants and shorts were my thing. I loved baggy jeans and any comfortable garment. Doc Marten boots were an option, but makeup was not.

I enjoyed being the energetic rough kid around the block. I had a reputation for being a bit of a bully, especially to boys. Playing power forward in most games, I was one of the best three-point shooters in the court. I loved playing defense and I especially enjoyed stealing the ball.

The advantage of being labeled is that people no longer expect anything more. My family labeled me as boyish. They thought that, since I had already beaten up most of the boys in the village, there would be very few left to attempt to see my feminine side. If there were any boys left, they were likely to be geeky who would be too frightened to be in the same vicinity as I. The boys I hadn't fought with were probably bigger bullies than I.

THE AUTHOR

My schoolmates labeled me as a tomboy and an Amazon woman. Behind the loose, checkered uniform I wore everyday, they saw the man in me as well. I was part of the basketball team. I was the fastest runner in my batch. I was always the first pick in *patintero*, even in the upper batches. I was the batch champion in the mercy game. I was also unbeatable in *bunong-braso*. I was practically all-around champion!

What they didn't know was that at the end of the day, after a full day at school and an afternoon game at the park, I went home to my Barbie Doll and She-ra Castle. I spent the hours before bedtime playing house with Ken and fighting battles with He-man.

The battles I fought as a young girl might not have been the typical challenges little girls had to deal with. I had to show my two older brothers that I could be as tough and as good in basketball as them. I had to show the village boys that they couldn't push me around just because I was a girl. I had to show my classmates that just wearing skirts didn't mean we couldn't be tough. I had to show my parents that just because I was an ugly boyish kid didn't mean I couldn't be a beautiful woman.

My parents were shocked when I started shaving my legs at 13. They got a bigger shock when I started getting many phone calls from different guys the same year. They were speechless when I started going out on gimmicks when I was 14. My mom couldn't tell my dad I had a boyfriend at 15. My dad was speechless when he saw me crying, heartbroken at 16. All my relatives and friends were stunned to hear I had started modeling at 17 although my family was proud when I became a veejay for Channel V at 18. Even my pediatrician was left breathless when she saw my CreamSilk commercial last year when I was 19. She said, "Oh my! I had never imagined you would grow into such a beautiful lady."

Now, at 20, I had just started doing some hosting for E! Philippines. I'm modeling with Cal Carrie's International Modeling Agency Philippines, while a junior at the Ateneo de Manila University, majoring in theater arts. My wardrobe has never been more colorful and diverse (I actually enjoy wearing mostly skirts and dresses now). I've never had more sandals and heels in my life. My skin is fairer and smoother than ever. My free time is now spent going to the gym, watching movies, going to castings and shoots, travelling, and spending time with friends. But most of all, I'm looking forward to giving people more surprises.

# What makes this world ugly?

From page E5

- The dwindling number of free sites and services
- People who claim to be website designers but actually copy from real web wizards

**What makes beauty pageants ugly?**

- Stupid contestants
- Bad hosts
- Too many commercials
- Too much *borloloy*
- Incompetent interpreters

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- Obsession
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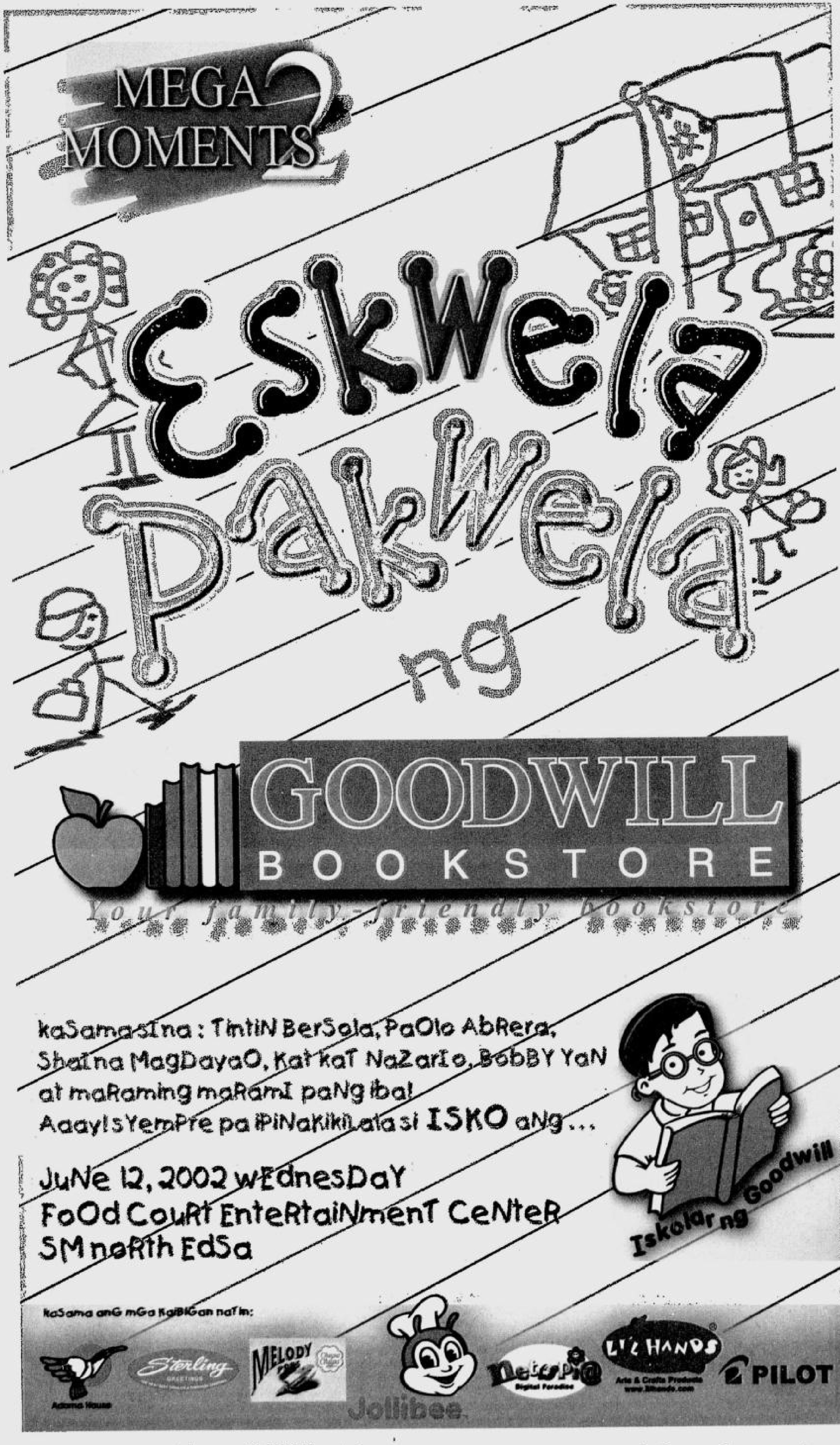
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# Mustang, Rockstar and whiskey cowboys

**Tim Yap**

"I WANT sexy tonight!" screamed Latina-looking hot hostess **Telisha Jean Arguelles** as she stood atop the bar at Mustang, the latest Makati haunt of hot-blooded young urbanites.

"You, you and you!" she pointed at the crowd. "Come up here and strut your stuff!"

Immediately, young and willing vixens went straight up, their friends cheered them on, and the crowd got rowdy. The impromptu grind started.

If you happen to drive by Makati on a weekend and wonder where everybody has gone to, you don't have to look far. Yes, some opt to escape into the confines of hip spots Acquario or Fidel in bohemian Malate, or the weekend strip of Rockwell.

The past few Saturdays, however, have witnessed a boom in this month-old establishment in good ol' Laureano compound on Pasong Tamo, where bars ABG's, Lava Lounge, Sambo's and H&H used to be. Mustang is the latest secret spot where young and adventure-seeking partyphiles meet and match. And how!

You can't put a good spot down. And so this Pasong Tamo area, comparable to New York's hip meat-packing district, once home to party venues known for their unpretentious and spontaneous breed of fun, is once again alive and kicking (literally), with Mustang hogging the spotlight.

In a place like Manila, where everything can taste, sound and feel alike, Mustang is a welcome get-down-and-dirty treat. Warning: This is not for the old and jaded, nor is it for the elitist and the stuffy.

I used to get countless text messages about this bar, none of which I took seriously. "Come this weekend, we'll have girls to dance for you." Uh, okay, I responded in a DOM voice.

I slept through the movie "Coyote Ugly" during in-flight, but just out of exasperation at the persistence of the bar owners (young twentysomethings **Peter Magpayo, Ted Tariela, Marc Telan, Alfred Lopez, Jon Tajonera** and company), I decided to check the place out.

### Voyeuristic virgin

That night, though, I got the surprise of my weekend life.

At past midnight, the car park was filled, reminding me of the good ol' ABG's days. When I stepped in, I thought I was hallucinating when I saw a horse (too many ABG's memories) parading outside the bar.

I walked inside, braving the bodies crowding the bar. I stayed at the back, preferring to be a voyeur—this was uncharted territory.

"I know as Filipinos we are considered conservative—but not tonight!" Telisha screamed to the crowd. They hollered back in agreement. She called up a few names, some even of popular sexy stars.

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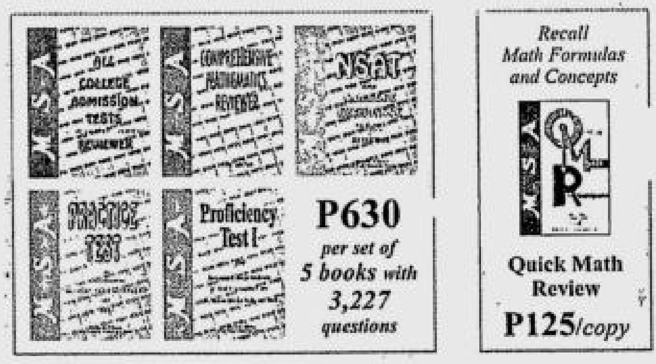
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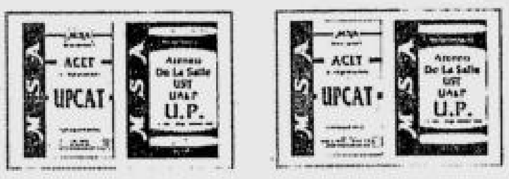
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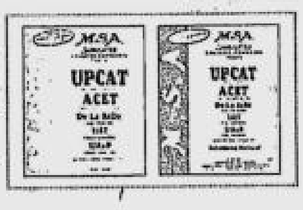
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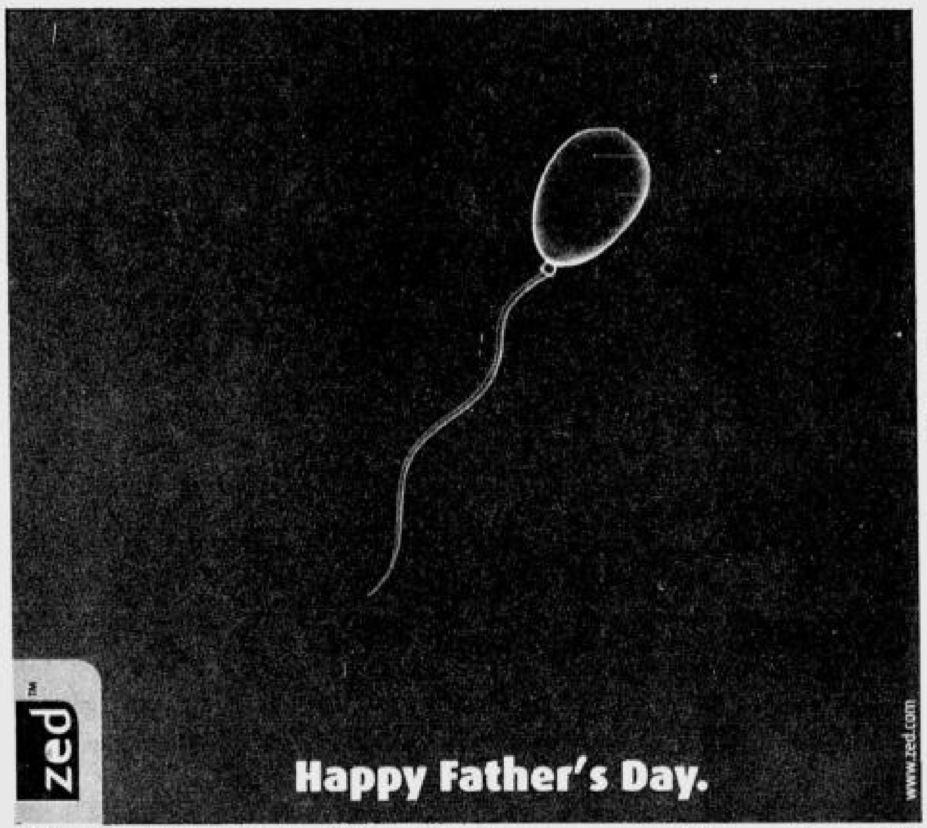
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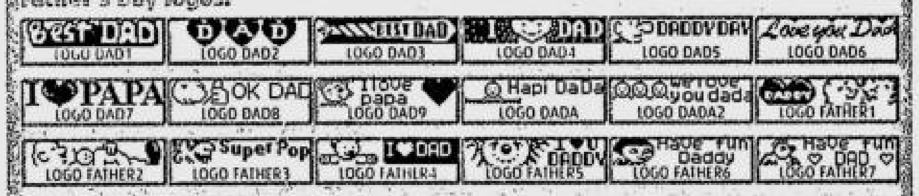
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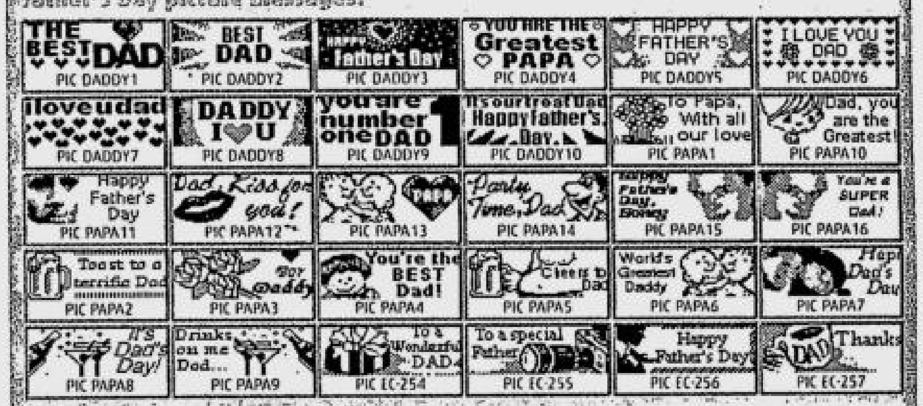
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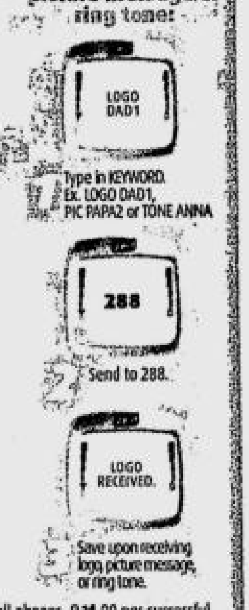
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# Mustang, Rockstar and whiskey cowboys

**JACK 'n' Jill went up the hill...**

From page F1

At first, the girls refused. But with the testosterone too strong in the audience, after a few loud cheers, they finally obliged. "No killjoys here," I overheard someone saying.

Then it was the guys' turn. They picked guys from the audience, some slim, others fat, some young, others not-so-young—but they ended up being so game. Though the hostess took their shirts off, they totally hammed it up. Some were initially shy, but got over it after the first five minutes. A show transpired right atop the bar.

Once someone goes atop the bar, it's full gyration. Get down and do that booty call. The bar becomes one long theater for the fab and the flirt. It must be that instant gratification one gets while performing—it's all about the moment.

Some went up the bar because they felt like it, others were obliged, or were just dared. Others might have been forced, but they all ended up having the time of their lives. And you saw it in their faces, both the seducer and the seduced.

If I were a photographer for FHM, I would have had double orgasms right then and there. I was not, but my excitement wasn't any less.

**MUSTANG MUSTS.** Cheryl Tiu, Alex Estat and Andrew Rauber

I left the party venue supersweaty (so hot inside, literally and figuratively) but full of naughty joy. It was like the feeling when you first lost your virginity. You enjoyed, and you felt weird but you knew you'd do it again.

## New hip spots

Still on new bars, check out Rockstar, the latest addition to the Libis night strip.

This is the latest evolution of the bar Po Na Na, which had to change its name after a bar chain from London claimed the rights to the brand. Its new owners include brothers **Troy** and **KC Montero**, **Jojo Manlongat**, **Victor Neri**, cousins **Bernard** and **Miko Palanca**—thus, Rockstar!

It still has the same Mediterranean interiors Po Na Na used to have, but this time with hues of orange, giving the place a warmer, more intimate vibe—perfect for star-spotting, if that's your cup of tea.

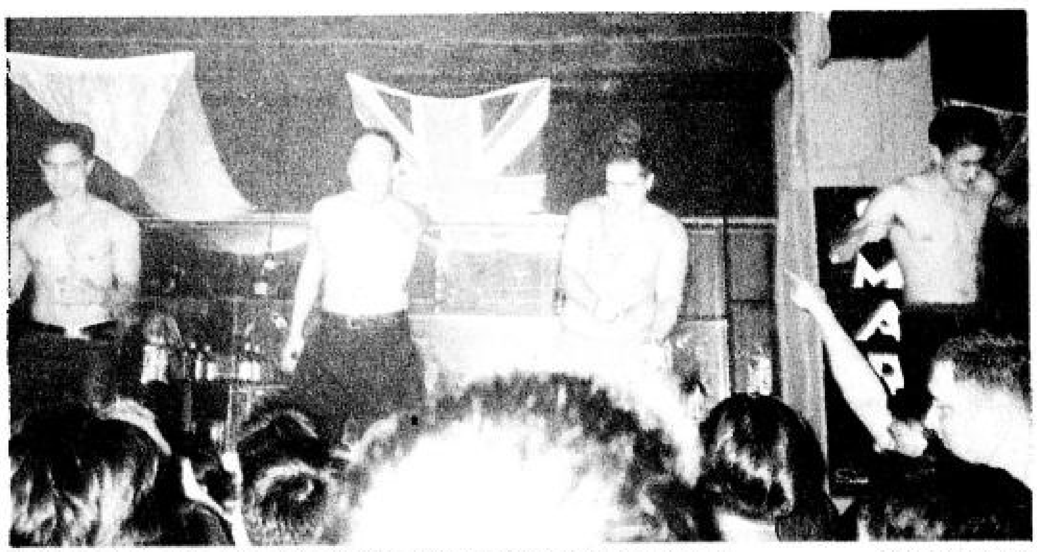
**THE GRIND.** Samantha Lopez and Jackie Forster atop the bar at Mustang

At any given night, you are sure to bump into any of the establishment's partners. Who knows, you might even get a free drink from the Montero brothers.

Before hopping onto Rockstar, I jumped to Pravda where **Pinky Webb** was celebrating her birthday. There, the scene's hipsters were in full force.

Wednesday R&B night is hot, hot, hot as ever, and NBK's Thursday residency is going strong.

That night, I also learned about the engagement of **Claudine Trillo** and **Jason Webb**. They are slated to tie the knot on Nov. 30.


**FULL MONTY.** After the girls, it's the guys' turn to bounce at the bar.

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**A MUSTANG** maven looks for flirtatious fun.

Aside from the wedding season, this is once again the moment for new bars. With the arrival of the new Greenbelt Mall, more and more hotspots are on the rise. For lovers of Latin soul, the southern legend that is Mi Vida will soon open its doors in a 700-sq-m area at Greenbelt.

Off the Ayala borders, Wansui, a hip spot on Salcedo, is fast gaining popularity among young partyphiles, with its hot, hot party nights.

What's exciting about this new boom is that most of the owners are young and inspired entrepreneurs out to blaze trails on the scene. Fresh, bold and new ideas are their language.

Some say this will also be the moment of the fly-by-nights, but ultimately, I think it will still be good for everyone on the scene. Variety is always key. The more, the merrier, indeed.

## Mr. JD

That week, I got another pleasant surprise when I went to the Manila Polo Club for Jack's Place. Yup, it was as if you stepped into the house of Mr. Jack Daniels himself—hunting trophies, equipment, Americana memorabilia and more.

The old cowboy might be lurking in your mind with the mention of the name, but Jack's Place turned out to be a refreshing reflection of the great man—down-to-earth, confident, without airs and positively brimming with pure, honest fun! And, of course, well stocked with those all-important JDs.

Hip cowboys and cowbelles roamed around for Mr. Jack as they gave away JD play money for partyphiles of all ages to indulge on the blackjack table, billiards, foosball, dartboards, even slot machines—all toys for the big boys! Good thing there was no PlayStation because the kids within us would not have left the party.

While some engaged in the playthings, others just swayed their hips, sipped their Jack Daniels, and sang along when they heard their favorite rock tunes—"Hey Jealousy," "Barely Breathing," "Iris," "Hard to Handle," "Absolutely," "Slide," "Black Balloon," "Crazy for This Girl," "Teenage Dirt Bag."

"I haven't heard these songs in a long time. I'm having such a great time!" said scene muse **Kara Tolentino**, former rock chick and Club Dredd mainstay, as she savored her JD on the rocks straight up.

Now that's sexy.

**AT PRAVDA.** Ces Drilon and Pinky Webb during her natal fete last week

**JACK'S HOSTS.** Ted McDonnel, Agnes Ballesteros and Allan Anastacio

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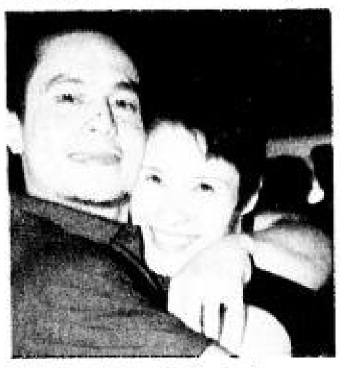
**ROCKSTAR RAVIN'.** Cousins Bernard and Miko Palanca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**SOUTHERN IT GIRL.** Christie Tan, one of Cebu's most eligible, works with Sen. Loren Legarda.

# Cebu's hot set

YAPARAZZI recently got back from the Queen City of the South to attend the biggest ever "Weddings at the Waterfront" event, which rocked Cebu like no other hotel can.

There, after a series of designer fetes and endless parties, was a presentation of Cebu's most eligible—Carlo Marcelo Sainz, Pia Angela Almendras, Glenn Soco, Segundino Selma, Rany Misa, Christie Tan, Monique del Gallego, Celestino Martinez III and Jennifer Palacio—who all embody that youthful zest that Cebu stands for.

Much has been said about the phenomenal Cebu event, so let's raise our glasses to Waterfront's F&B Marco Protacio, director Jackie Aquino and the Waterfront Hotel for this wonderful, wonderful wedding fete.

*Tim Yap*

**BRIDES AND HOMES.** Tweetie Gonzalez, Myrza Sison and Amparito Lhuillier

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# GMA to lead Freedom Day celebration

**THE nation will mark today, June 12, the 104th anniversary of Philippine Independence with appropriate ceremonies nationwide and in Philippine consulates and embassies abroad. President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, who leads the celebration, will troop early tomorrow morning to the Aguinaldo Shrine in Kawit, Cavite, for the flag-raising and wreath-laying cermonies, which will be repeated in five other historical places and in other towns and cities throughout the country. Later in the afternoon, at the Quirino Grandstand at the Rizal Park in Manila, the President will give her Independence Day message to the Filipino people. It will underscore the theme of this year's celebration: "Bayan Ko, Sagot Ko!" and the need for national unity and solidarity to shore up and hasten the country's economic recovery.**

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BAYAN KO, SAGOT KO!
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Tourism Secretary Richard J. Gordon had been designated by the President, through Administrative Order 33, "to take the lead in the planning and implementation of activities and programs" in celebration of the 104th Philippine Independence Day. Secretary Gordon together with a technical working group, adopted the theme, "Bayan Ko, Sagot Ko!" more as a commitment than a message to the Filipino people to do their share for the realizations of our country's aspirations and ideals.

The celebration of the 104th Philippine Independence reeled off last June 7 with the concert of best-loved Philippine rondalla music at the Paco Park in Paco, Manila.

Exhibits and fairs organized by the National Park and Development Corp. lend a fiesta air to the celebration from June 9-12. There will be a sculptural exhibit at the back of the National Library; the DOE's Energy Exhibit, "Enerhiya Para sa Bayan," and the DOST's Science and Technology Exhibit, "Agham at Teknolohiya 2002" and the AFP's Military Hardware display – "Puso at Bisig ng Sandatahang Lakas."

At the Central Lagoon of the Rizal Park, several fairs will be put up by different participating government offices showcasing in concrete sectoral projects this year's theme "Bayan Ko, Sagot Ko" such as the DOLE's Livelihood and Job's Fair dubbed "Hanap-Unlad, Hanap Buhay"; Tiangge sa Luneta sa MMDA sponsored Trade Fair and the Balik Tanaw sa Kasaysayan Booksale from June 11-12 and sponsored by NHI and the DA's Agricultural Agriculture Fair, Yamang-Dagat, Yamang Lupa.

The DILG will hold its own People's Day (Kalinga sa Mamamayan) at the DILG Office in Diliman, EDSA from June 7 to 12.

On June 11, dubbed as Bisperas ng Kalayaan, a kick-off program was held at 8 a.m. in front of the Luneta flagpole. This event featured a parade of Chinese Firefighter Volunteers visiting historical sites in Metro Manila to announce the June 12 Program and invited the people to watch and take part in the celebration at the Quirino Grandstand through the wailing of sirens and fog horns.

Later in the evening at 7 p.m., a tableau was presented to serve as a prologue to a parade which will depict the lives and greatness of our national heroes.

On the day of the celebration, "Araw ng Kalayaan" will start with the traditional simultaneous flag-raising and wreath-laying ceremonies. It will be followed by the traditional Vin d' Honoeur with the Diplomatic Corps and the President's cabinet and other key officials held in Malacanang.

The afternoon will be highlighted with the colorful Philippine Independence Day Parade featuring about 35 floats, 17 marching bands and an estimated 8,000 walking contingents' floats depicting the parade's theme of "Malayang Pilipinas, Maganda at Maunlad na Bukas." This choreographed and dramatized parade is a preview of next year's Visit Philippines Year.

This year's 2-hour program shall be capped by the speech of President Arroyo.

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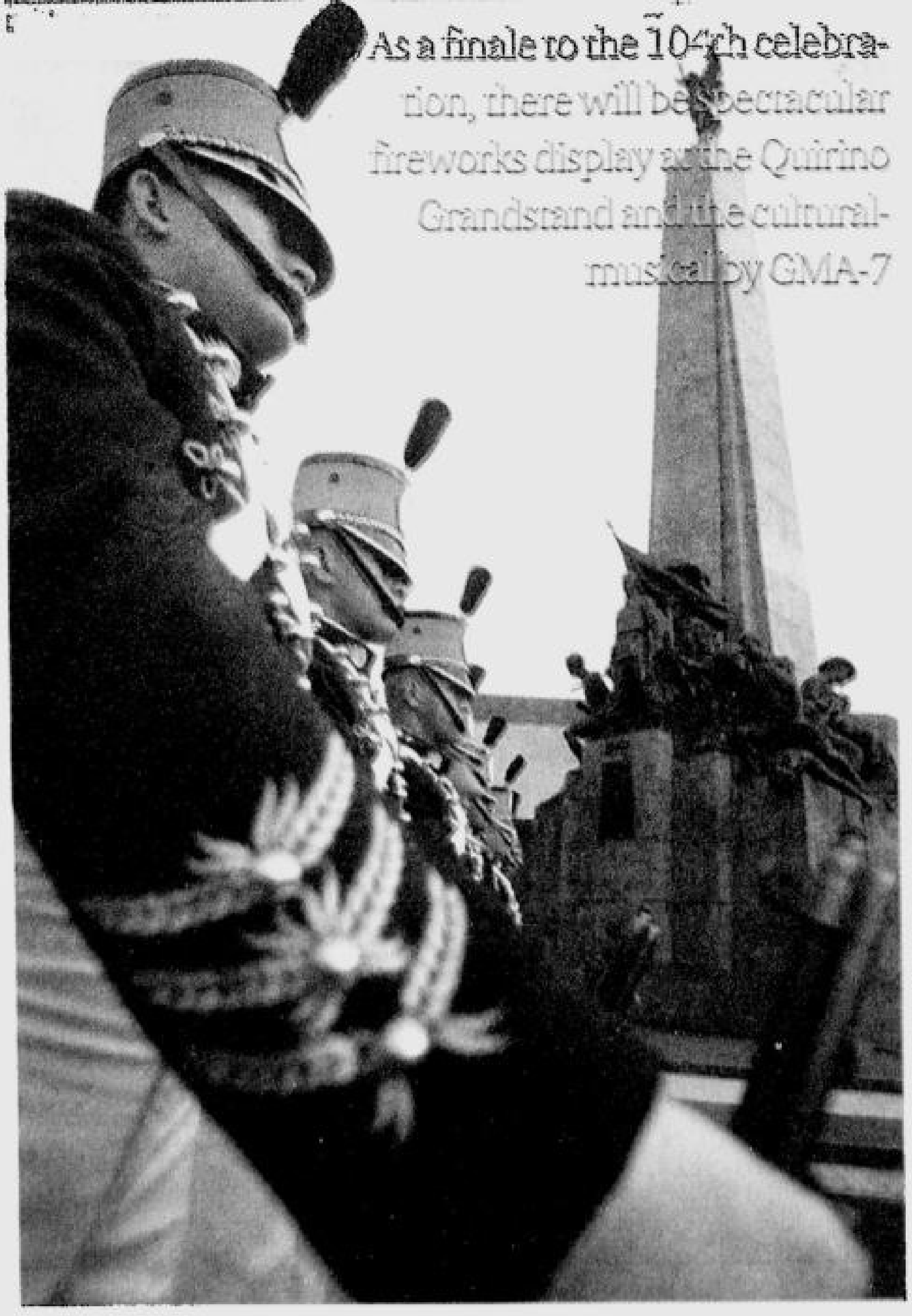
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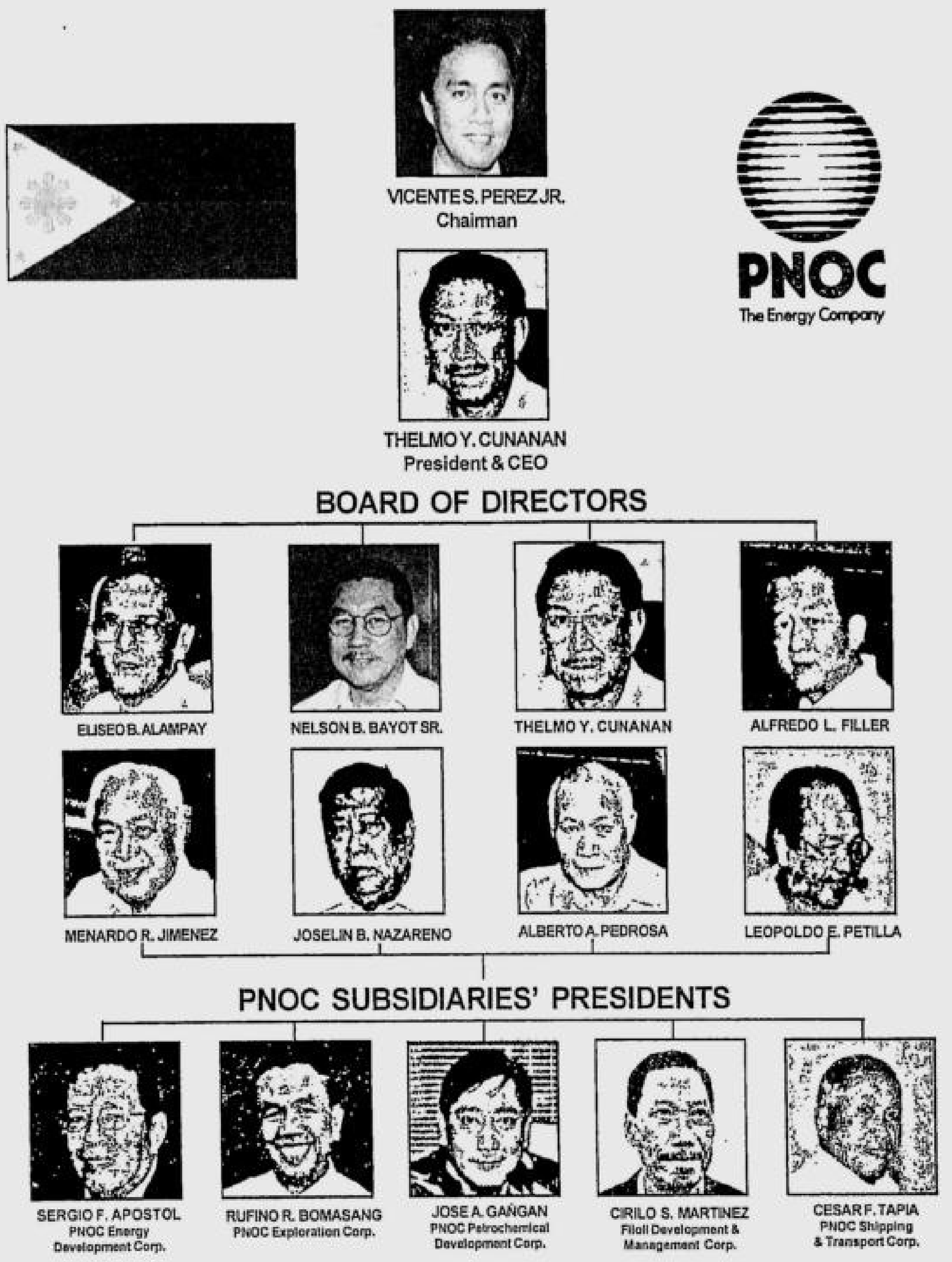
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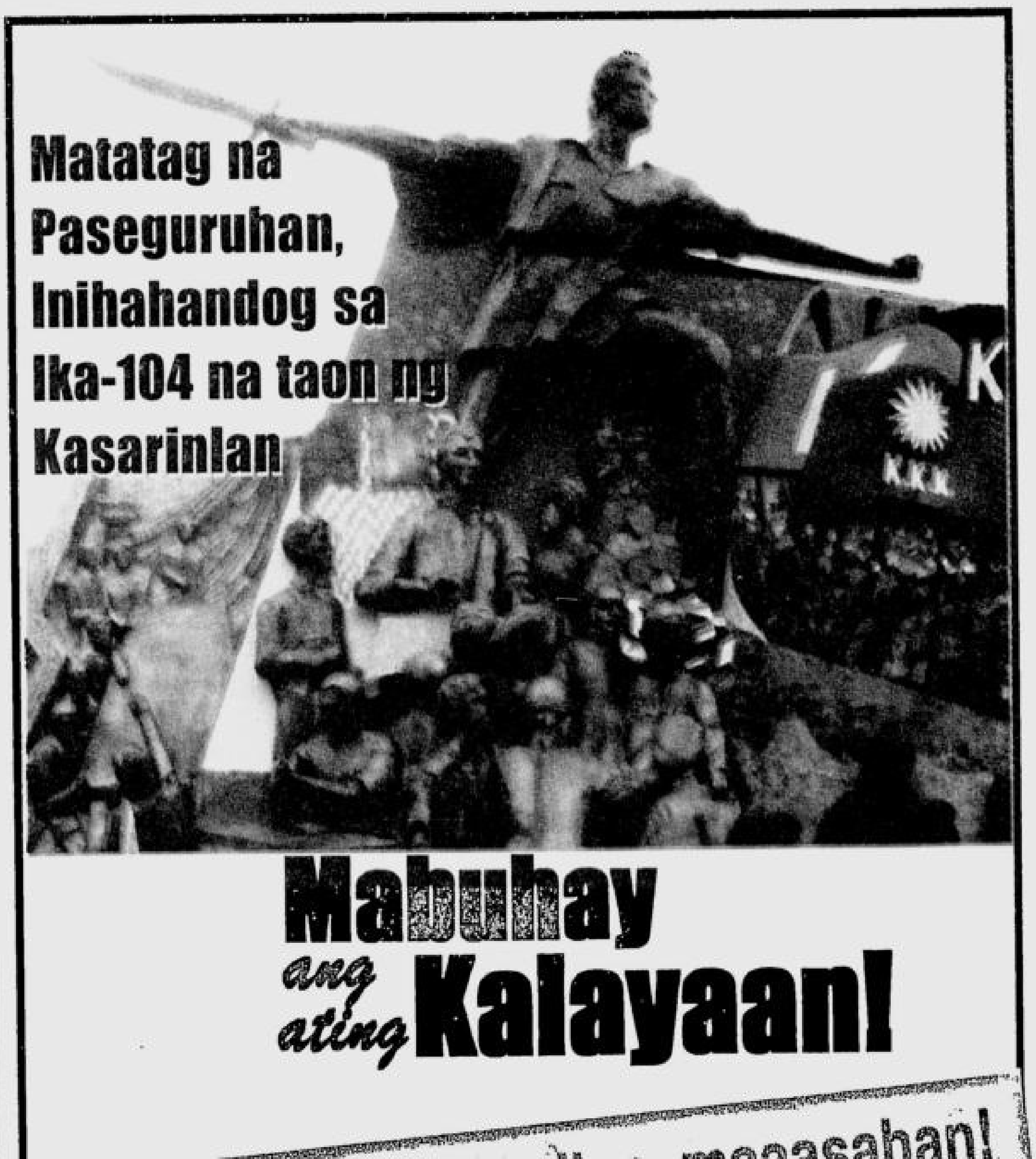
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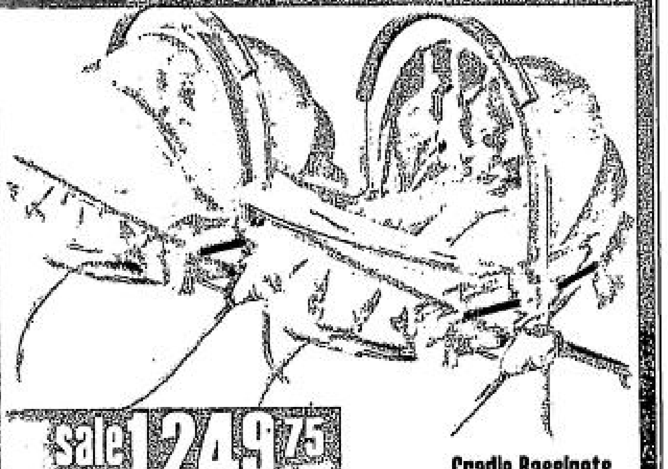

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## UGALIIN ANG GALING PILIPINO

# Be inspired to bring out the excellent Filipino in you

### Come to think of it, we could make history today. Or maybe rewrite it by making June 12 the signal date that will usher in the Galing Pilipino generation…by leaving a mediocre past behind

**By Raquel P. Gomez**

WHAT has made you smile and be proud to be a Filipino lately?

Was it the bus conductor, who was unflappably friendly as he reimbursed passengers of his stalled bus? Or was it the office security guard who picked up an umbrella and voluntarily escorted an elderly through a downpour?

Or the service crew who gladly opened the door for a person with a handicap? Or the story of the policewoman you read somewhere who won a gold for our country in a boxing match abroad? Or a neighbor's story of struggle and eventual triumph over poverty?

How's your faith in being a Filipino today? Or has that faith gone away already?

Defining acts of Pinoy service excellence or voluntary acts of goodness. World-class talent or a principled way of living. These and more will now be given due recognition through a truly Pilipino movement that will have its official launch today.

The Galing Pilipino Movement, or GPM, is a private sector initiative that would "stir up" people to recognize, affirm and propagate what is good and excellent about being a Filipino.

An impossible dream, you may think. But the driving force behind GPM is more than a dreamer, but a successful marketing practitioner both in the private sector and the academe.

Erlinda de Guzman, the movement's president, says Filipinos should put a stop to the habit of criticizing and downgrading each other and should instead focus on the positive traits and laudable examples of excellence and character.

De Guzman, who has also immersed herself in nonprofit organization work for the last three years, seems to have come up with the best product to sell—the "promotion" of the positive side of being a Filipino (or "galing Pilipino")—from her observations of the traits of the Filipino.

She said she was tired of hearing the Philippines being referred to as a "basket case." She purposively sought to find something positive about the Filipino. ("When you've reached the bottom, there's no way to go but up.")

In the process of searching for a handle that would keep her on a solution mode, her attention was drawn to the Filipino penchant for praising a good deed done ('Ang galing!'). "There are so many shining examples of Filipino excellence in different parts of the world and even here … and yet we hear so little of them or we don't acclaim it with the gusto it deserves."

"If only Filipinos would 'think galing' and bring forth 'galing' in everything, the sense of excellence we see in Hong Kong or Singapore, we will also have here. May plus pa. Because ang Pinoy ma-puso, maka-tao, marunong maki-bagay. This could be the value foundation from which we can build any productivity improvement, buy-Filipino, or poverty alleviation programs. That's what seems to be lacking—our value system."

How does GPM cut through the core of a Filipino value system and in the process influence a change to the positive?

De Guzman says GPM is more than a slogan or propaganda. The movement is divided into several components: a foundation, media communications, publication, recognition and service tasks, website, and entrepreneurial or managerial business development.

Media plays a vital role in GPM's implementation. Media is the "strong push" needed by the movement according to De Guzman. "Through TV, print or radio, we want to feature Filipinos who have exhibited a 'magaling na ugali,' or real-life outstanding achievements and the like."

In a GPM forum, people from the different sectors would converge to talk about solutions to society's problems such as garbage or air pollution. In the GPM website, business and workforce could meet, matching learned skills with employment or business opportunities.

Aside from getting to know the country's 'small' unsung heroes, GPM will set up a recognition program that will extol the laudable actions. People who have exhibited "galing" or "excellence" will carry GPM stickers awarded by the movement. These people, in the process, will also be recommending other "magaling" or excellent people. So it will become a networking of "excellent" people.

You will know a GPM person by the salute they make. It starts with the right hand placed on right upper breast that proceeds to the forehead for the salute.

Without any fanfare or marketing push, GPM has now 50 founding members that include corporations, professionals, executives and entrepreneurs. That number is expected to swell on its launch today.

Though the level of cynicism for such projects is high, given the tendency of Filipinos to accept their hopeless situation, De Guzman is optimistic that the idea will resonate. "If the idea is really good, it will resonate. I've seen it. I want to see the small people, the masa, doing something to improve their lot."

Phase one of the project is already underway. The movement enjoins everyone to participate—through membership, support pledge, or contribution of a story on Filipino excellence.

"What we'd like to see is the 'galing' (excellence) of Filipinos becoming a brand mark of Filipinos worldwide. Then, when foreigners think about the Philippines or Filipinos, they'll say—'oh that's a nation of excellence'."

## Prinsipyong Galing Pilipino

Ang galing, sa sarili manggagaling.

Kung ang galing ipapamalas,
'di ka dadatnan ng malas.

Hindi kailangang trabaho'y
sikat upang galing mo'y sumikat.

Kung paglilingkod sa kapwa ang iyong
hangarin, kahit maliit
na gawa ay kahang-hanga rin.

Sa lahat ng bagay, todo-bigay!

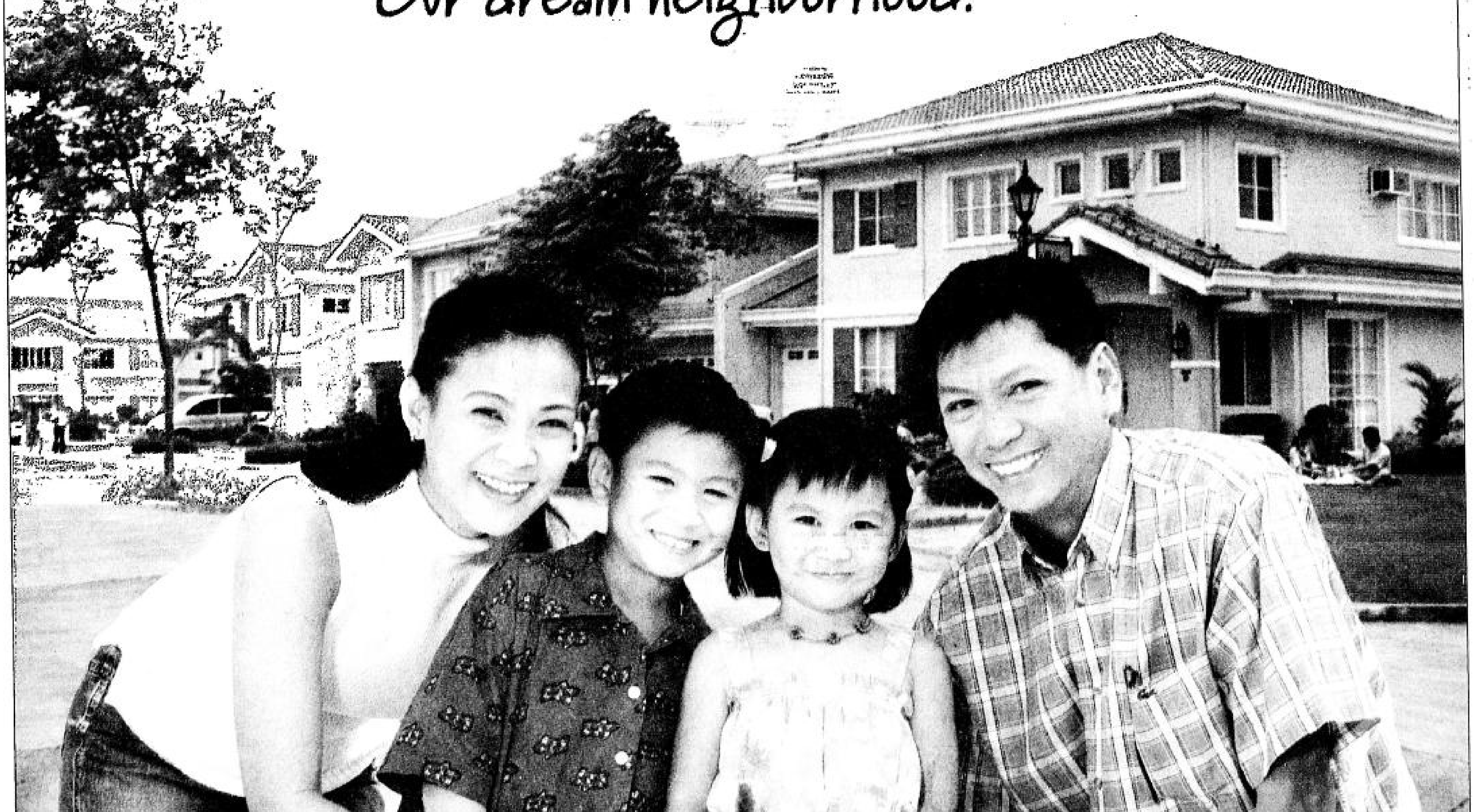
Hanep sa hanapbuhay.

Hangga't 'di sapat, 'di papaawat.

Anuman ang sumapit,
tuloy sa pag-awit.

May ibang paraan pa sa
nakasanayan na.

Sa trabaho, pati buong mundo saludo.



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## What is The Galing Pilipino Movement

*"The same atoms that make up a piece of coal are the exact same atoms that make up a diamond. The only difference is in the way they've been arranged inside.... The same components that make an average Filipino are the same components that can create a* ***Galing Pilipino****... And once a piece of coal has been turned into a diamond, it can never be turned back."*

GPM Founder and President, Erly De Guzman has such strong faith in the potential for excellence of every Filipino that, together with a group of like-minded visionaries, they have created the Galing Pilipino Movement. GPM is a private sector initiative envisioned as a dynamic series of organized activities that will stir up our countrymen to recognize, affirm and propagate what is good and excellent about being Filipino in character, culture or ethos, and the Filipino as worker, entrepreneur, citizen or family member.

Using the different forms of traditional and new media channels, this non-profit, non-stock organization aims to challenge and empower every Filipino to take control of his own destiny, be the best that he can be, and use his life to make a positive difference in the world. GPM is a network of inter-relationships and partnerships to propel a New Filipino Order.

"The movement seeks to involve every Filipino, regardless of economic status, geography, cultural or religious background, to take part in developing a commendable sense of national pride. We are out to qualify what "galing" is, in every kind of business or profession. By applying these standards of excellence we want Galing Pilipino to be the brand mark of this nation and its people worldwide."

By developing a national culture of affirmation that recognizes extraordinary Filipino achievement and outstanding service excellence, the Galing Pilipino Movement serves as a value-centered foundation for nation-building initiatives.

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## People Behind The Movement

ANY movement has its shakers and movers, men and women who stand as champions of the faith in the Filipino. These idealists, in this day and age, are proof of our ability to change and to transmit change historically, a phenomenon called human intentionality, something present in each individual that formed the core of the Galing Pilipino Movement.

Trailblazing this bold, ambitious but noble crusade is the Founding President of the Galing Pilipino Movement (GPM) Foundation, Erlinda "Erly" De Guzman. She shared the dream and sought to realize it with the drive and sincerity that so impassioned others to join her quest for a Galing Pilipino standard of excellence.

Another torch-bearer is an eminent three-time Olympian, Akiko Thomson. Born to an American father and Japanese mother, she became a Filipino by choice of citizenship. She has proven time and time again her unwavering commitment to excellence. "We need to encourage 'galing' achievements so that Filipinos can be shining examples for the rest of the world."

Pedro Roxas, an unassuming elite businessman with a heart for the Filipino everyman, joined GPM because he firmly believes that the time is well-nigh to bring the positive side of the Filipinos to the fore. "We're building on strengths. Not weaknesses."

A view mirrored by Diosdado Salvador, the catalyst behind the growth of Johnson and Johnson companies in the 10 ASEAN countries as President of the J&J Asean Consumer Group of Companies. His belief that the Filipino is worthy of world-class benchmarks is by no means an overstatement. Four of the seven country managers in area of responsibility are Filipinos. Ding himself was the first Asia Pacific Agora Awardee for Marketing Excellence.

Joining the cause-oriented effort is Bernido Liu, an architect turned entrepreneur, the man behind the success of Penshoppe and Oxygen clothing brands. He was the Agora Awardee for Marketing Excellence in Entrepreneurship in the year 2000 and the TOYM Awardee for Business Entrepreneurship a year later. He believes in upholding standards of excellence as a pre requisite for business and personal success.

Another member of the Board of Trustees is Bienvenido Niles Jr., Managing Director of AC Nielsen Southeast Asia and Regional Client Management in the Asia Pacific. He believes in honoring every good deed and "recognizing what is noble and excellent in being Filipino". By affirming others, we can leverage Filipino strengths to build a true sense of nationalism"

"It's the Filipino's gold mine within" expresses a key belief in the Filipino espoused by another GPM cornerstone, Cristino Panlilio, a consistent student awardee during his college days, an economist, a banker, a former Universal Food Corporation president and an Agora Awardee for Marketing Excellence and now an entrepreneur.

These men and women, founders of the Galing Pilipino Movement, are themselves living proof of the rich potential within every Filipino. Tapping and harnessing what is Galing in the Pilipino is a sure way to build a great nation together.

## GPM Framework

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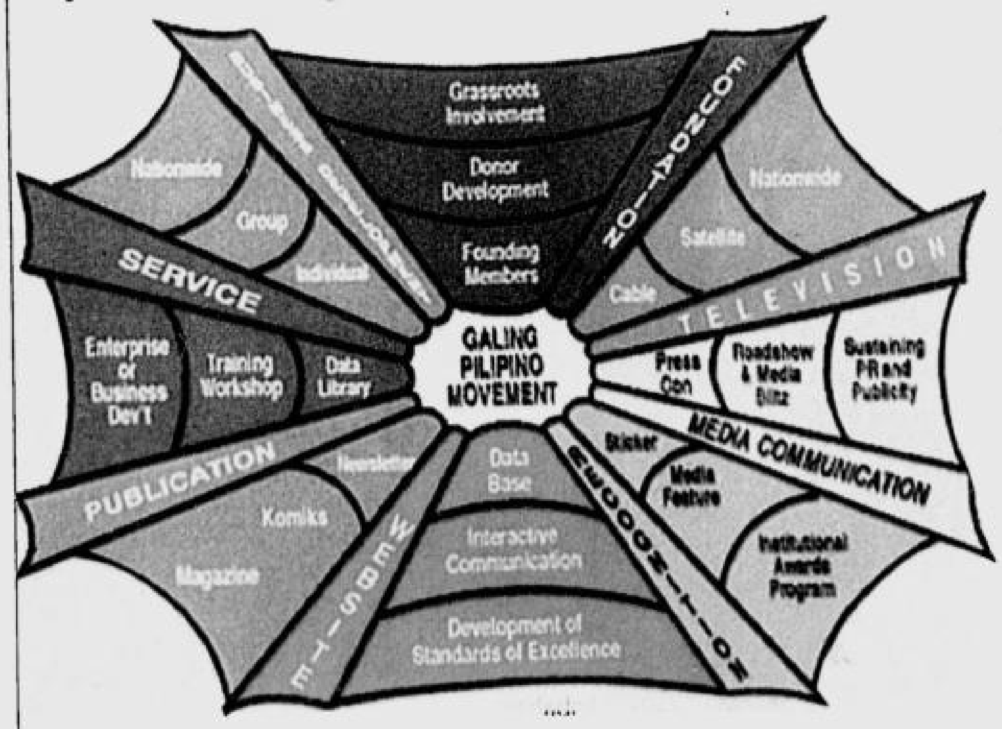

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# From burgers to chips, Filipinos did it!

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Ever heard of how Ronald, the King of the Golden Arches, was constrained to add spaghetti in his menu line-up ten years ago because of a sweet and jolly bee? Only in the Philippines then. But that may have started contextualized marketing in the fastfood game.

Did you know that Intel has been in the Philippines for 28 years? Intel's Philippine plant is where its most advanced products are launched, including the famous Pentium 4. Would you believe this local plant is expected to be Intel's biggest assembly and testing field in the world by year-end?

How nice, don't you think, that 90 percent of America Online's (AOL) global e-mail queries are being handled by some 1,000 Filipinos in Clark, Pampanga! And customers probably think they are being answered in the US of A. Could that be what the "United States of Angeles" is all about?

Can you imagine that the results of market tests conducted in the Philippines for Procter & Gamble's worldwide marketing programs have been reliable indicators for their global business success? Could this mean our tastes have intrinsic global sense? Moreover, 450 Galing Pilipinos man the P&G Global Business Center for some 17 countries in the Asia Pacific area. That means Accounting, IT and Employee Services for all these country markets are dependent on Manila on a 24/7 basis. And so far, so good, because P&G is contemplating expansion of their operational coverage.

Isn't it amazing that Trend Micro, the maker of one the top anti-virus software PC-illins, has developed a "cure" that enables finding a solution to a virus infection in any computer system in the world within just 45 minutes? Oh yes! That "Dexter's Laboratory of Virus Antidotes" is located in Eastwood City, Libis.

# Soar with the GPM I-GILAS

KEY to the success of the GALING PILIPINO MOVEMENT (GPM) is a corps of active and dedicated volunteers. Called the GPM I-GILAS, their mission is to "spot" individuals from any level of society who manifest the GALING PILIPINO spirit in their work.

This team of volunteers was named after the Philippine Eagle, renowned for its clear and far-reaching vision, and a fitting symbol, as well, of what is truly good in the Filipino.

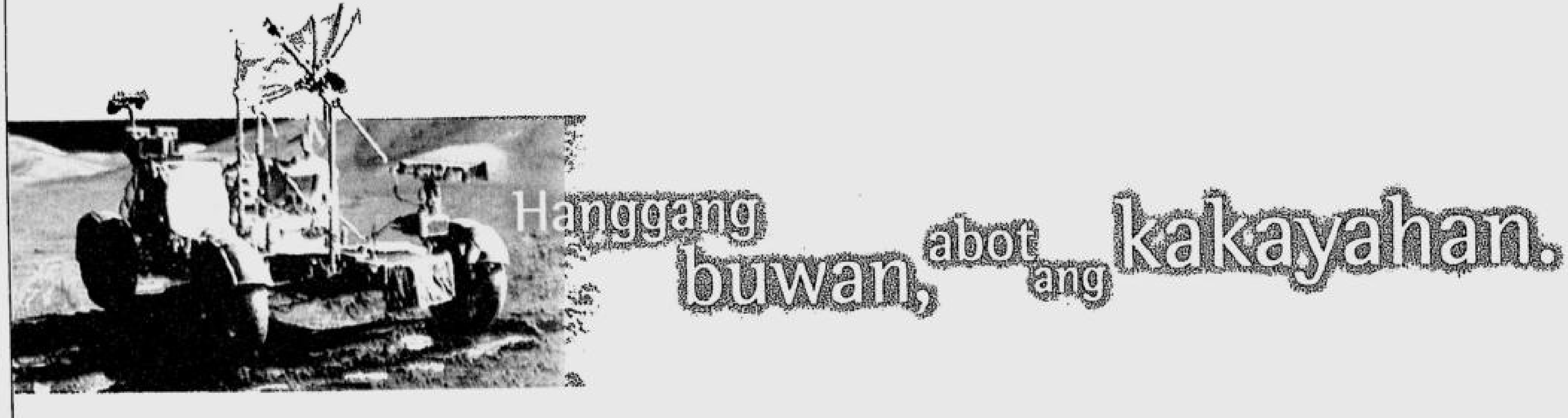
"I-GILAS was inspired by our very own Philippine Eagle. But the name was coined in a way that suggests the role these volunteers will play in the Galing Pilipino Movement i.e. to keep an eye for people who show their gilas or galing," says Erly De Guzman, founder of GPM.

People spotted will be recognized with a GPM sticker along with a citation for a specific act that reflects the GALING of the PILIPINO. "The sticker and citation will serve as both a reward and a reminder to the individual," explains De Guzman. "These will encourage the person to duplicate the specific act he was cited for in his day-to-day tasks. Repeated often enough, this single act becomes habitual and eventually an integral part of his/her way of life."

The volunteer who made the citation will then accomplish a report which will be submitted to the GPM database, managed by research giant A.C. Nielsen. Once consolidated, these reports will be used to set the standard of excellence in a specific field of endeavor.

"This process of instant recognition and data collection will be one of the GPM's major thrusts in propagating the vision and ideals of the movement by providing people with role models they can emulate," stressed De Guzman.

Individuals interested to sign up as GPM I-GILAS volunteers may call Joy 6975592 or text 0917-8354829. Or they may also log on to www.galingpilipino.com for more information.



Taon 1969. Ang kauna-unahang Lunar Rover sa buwan, nilikha ng dayuhan, pero Galing Pilipino ang nagdisenyo -- ating kababayan, si Eduardo San Juan. Katibayan at halimbawa na kapag ipinakita mo ang iyong galing, malayong-malayo ang iyong mararating.

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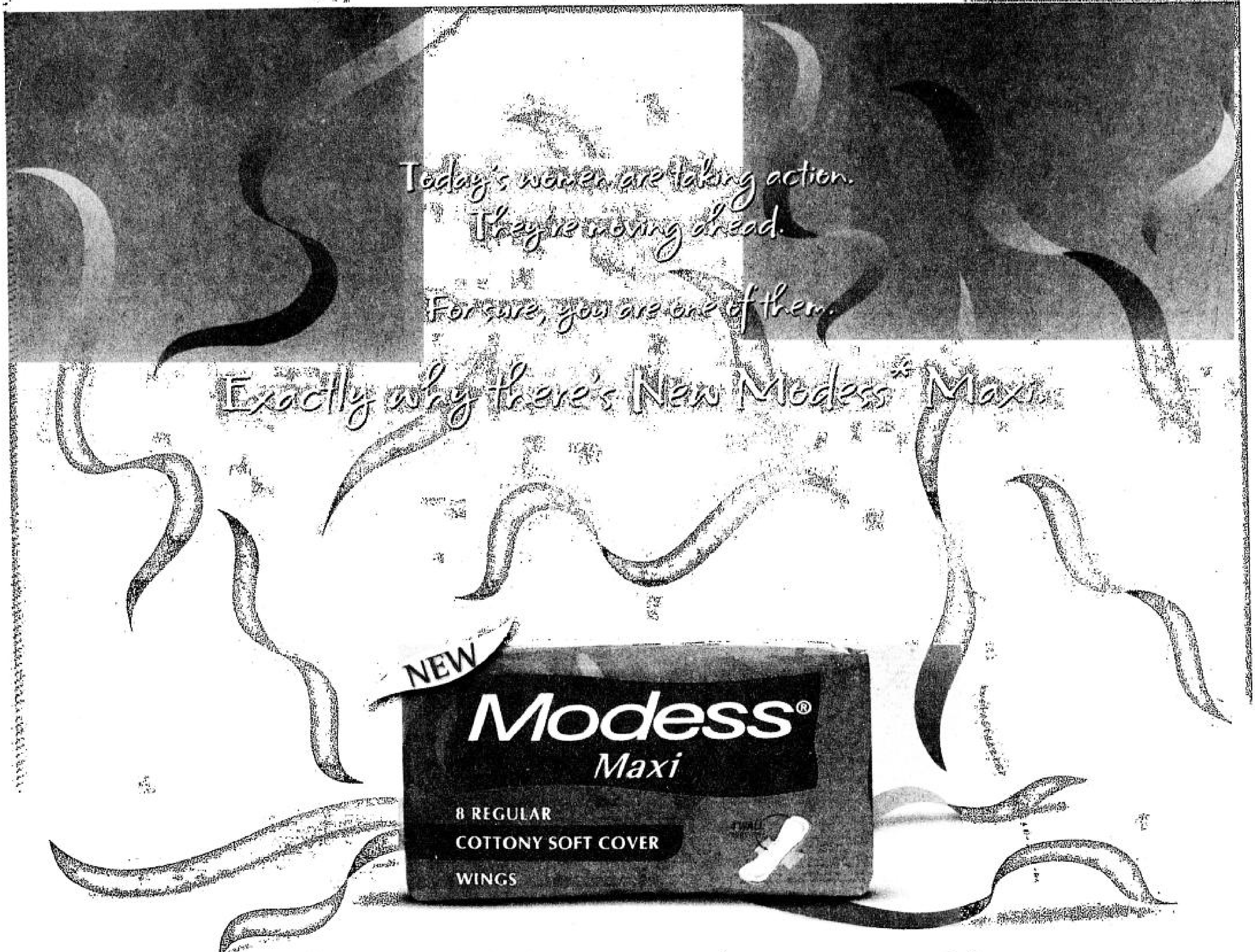
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